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Port Almanac—December 29

Sun Rises	7.10 A M
Sun Sets	4.54 P M
Day's Length	9 h 44 m
High Water at Southport	2 11 P M
High Water at Wilmington	3.54 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 27.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 33°; 8 p. m., 45°; maximum, 53°; minimum, 31°; mean, 43°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 3 11.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 28.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 5 1 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina: Fair, slightly warmer in extreme northern and western portions; easterly winds.

OUTLINES.

A train on the Birmingham, Ala., Mineral Railroad jumped the track on a bridge 100 feet high; the cars were smashed to pieces and out of thirty-five people on board, only two escaped; the wreck caught fire and many were burned to death; the number of known dead is twenty-three and it is thought that fully one half of them were burned alive; railroad officials are sure it was the work of train wreckers and detectives are working on the case. —— Argument for a revision of the tariff began before the House Ways and Means Committee yesterday. —— The Venezuelan boundary dispute, as far as the United States is concerned, is closed, all further negotiations lying between Venezuela and Great Britain. —— The Scandinavian Bank, of Minneapolis, Minn., and the Bank of Superior, of Superior, Wis., have closed their doors. ——The Sultan of Turkey has been notified by the Powers that the demand for reforms will be enforced. —— Cold weather prevails throughout the New England States, the thermometer registering from four to twenty degrees below zero at many places. —— "Kid" McCoy won the battle with "Billy" Doherty for the middle-weight championship at Johannesburg, South Africa. —— Julio Sanguilly, a naturalized American citizen, charged with conspiring against the Spanish Government, was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment. —— —— Judge Simonton will issue a decree on January 14th regarding the sale of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R; it is understood that the Judge's order will be for the sale of the road as a whole. —— Arthur Lingard, aged 107, died at Lancaster, Pa., leaving a fortune of $3,000 000 and no kin. —— The belief prevails in Cuban circles in Havana that Maceo is alive and that he is planning a *coup d'etat* in Matanzas. —— A landslide near Rathmore, county Kerry, Ireland, caused the loss of nine lives and great damage to property. ——The report of State Treasurer Worth shows that the value of taxable property has fallen off five and a half millions. —— The libel suit against the steamer Three Friends, based on a filibustering trip of that vessel last May, is being tried at Jacksonville, Fla.—— In a rear-end collision on the Western & Atlantic Railroad, near Dalton, Ga., Thomas Jones, an engineer, was fatally injured and two trainmen suffered broken bones.—— Near Uvadilla, Ga., an old man named Sumner was murdered, and an unsuccessful attempt to assault his daughter was made by his murderer. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@3 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent., closing offered at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7 1-16c; Southern flour was dull but steady—common to fair extra $3 00@3 85, good to choice $3 55@3 85; wheat—spot dull and firmer; ungraded red 80c@$1 00½; corn—spot moderately active and firmer; No. 2, 39¾c at elevator and 40½c afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 75, spirits turpentine quiet at 26¾@27½c.

A medical college in New Orleans has opened a school for the training of colored girls of good character for nurses for the sick.

One of Wm. J. Bryan's Christmas gifts was a magnificent, coal black, Kentucky thorough-bred, saddle horse, the gift of Gov. Stone, of Missouri.

A Missouri foot ball team played a game in the City of Mexico a few days ago, and now the Mexicans can judge as to which is the more festive, foot ball or bull fighting.

Within the past two years there has been an increase of 25 per cent. in the value of our manufactured exports, and yet the Republican high tariffists are howling for more protection for our manufacturers.

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The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

The State of Virginia makes $50,000 a year by the labor of her penitentiary convicts, but the complaint is made that they are crowded like cattle in their cells. Some of the papers are justly scoring the authorities for this, and contend that if the State sells the products of the labor of the convicts at such profit she should cell the convicts more like human beings than like cattle.

Dr. Zerucha's last version of the killing of Maceo, is that he was in despair because the civil authorities among the insurgents did not properly support him and that he courted death in battle. But Zerucha has not yet explained why the Spaniards treat him with so much consideration when they butcher or dungeon other insurgents who fall into their hands.

According to the report of the Massachusetts Insane Asylum, there are now in the asylums of that State 6,311 patients. There were treated during the year 6,843 persons, which is one to every 360 of the population. Judging from the returns of the last election, one might infer that the proportion of the insane to the sane was larger than that.

It is said that the falling off in the production of Cuba tobacco will advance the price of Havana cigars. It will be hard on the Prince of Wales if he has to pay four dollars a piece for the cigars which now cost him only three dollars a piece.

Ex Queen Lil tarried only six hours and fifteen minutes in Washington, and then sped on to Bosting She remained in her car while in Washington and declined to be interviewed for publication by the newspaper men. Sensible ex-q.

The New Orleans *Times Democrat* made itself solid with the little folks when it established a Santa Claus annex and distributed toys and other gifts to poor children on Christmas. When the newspaper man strikes out to hunt up some way to make people happy he generally finds it.

The State of Massachusetts has a population of 2,500,183. This year there have been 67,545 births, of which only 21,851 were of American parentage. At this rate how long will it take to make Massachusetts a foreign province.

St. Louis has a kleptomaniac girl who differs from other kleptomaniacs in that she does her pilfering in her sleep and steals from herself. She seems to enjoy it about as much as the others do stealing from other people.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SAM'L BEAR, SR.—Notice.
W. B. COOPER—Coats' cotton.
NOTICE—Endowment Rank K. of P.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

NOTICE—Christmas dances.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The date of the German to be given by L'Agile Coullon Club has been changed. Instead of Thursday night, as heretofore announced, it will take place this (Tuesday) night.

— Bundles of trace chains, plow castings, shovels and hoes in front of the hardware stores yesterday showed that the old year is being ushered out with preparations for the new.

— Chief of Fire Department Newman lost his horse yesterday; it died of lock-jaw, caused by a nail sticking in one of its feet. The "Atlantic" reel horse is lame from a similar accident.

— The scholars of the First Baptist Sunday school will have their Christmas entertainment to-night at the church. Friends and families of the children are cordially invited to the exercises.

— The social contest for members, which has been in progress for some time past at the Y. M. C. A., between the "Reds" and the "Blues," ended Christmas eve night in favor of the "Blues" by a score of 18 to 12.

— An advertisement of a lost bracelet was sent to the STAR office last night. In less than an hour after its receipt a message came saying the bracelet had been found. Does any one doubt now that advertising pays?

— The case against Lewis Nixon, alias Sieg Nixon, for stabbing Amos Smith (both colored) Christmas day, which was set for investigation yesterday morning before Justice Bunting, was postponed, as Smith, on account of his wounds, was unable to be present.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Potentially Pithy.

— Prof. R. H. Sykes has returned to Chapel Hill.

—Mr. J. F. Garrell, Jr., returned yesterday from Newbern.

— Mr. Richard Price left yesterday for the University of Virginia.

—Mr. R. L. Collins has returned from visiting friends in Jacksonville.

— Mr. Champ Davis left yesterday, returning to Horner's School at Oxford.

— Miss Carrie May VonGlahn and Miss Julia Hill are visiting friends in Warsaw.

— Mr. B. H. Griffin, proprietor of the Hotel Kenan, at Goldsboro, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. E. W. Ward, wife and three children, of Lincolnton, were among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Lee returned yesterday from spending Christmas with relatives at Smithfield.

— Mr. R. M. Wescott returned yesterday from Richmond, where he had been to visit his son and daughter.

— Hon. Thomas Settle, of Reidsville, N. C., Republican Congressman from the Fifth district, is in the city.

— Dr. J. H. Dreher left Sunday afternoon for Mount Pleasant, N. C., to spend the holidays with his mother.

— Our Personal Paragrapher was glad to receive a call from Editor W. R. Farrell, of the *Dixie Optic*, yesterday.

— Mr. J. Whitney Houck, of Norfolk, agent for the California Fruit Company, was among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. T. M. Green who has been quite sick with typhoid fever at his father's residence in this city, is improving.

— Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Bryan and child, of Savannah, passed through the city yesterday on their way home from Newbern, where they have been visiting relatives.

— Miss Mary L. McKoy has returned from the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro, accompanied by Miss Rogers, of Waynesville, who will spend the holidays with her.

— Mr. A. F. Bowen, one of the noted checker-players of the State, made the STAR a very pleasant visit yesterday. He leaves for Maxton this afternoon, where he will play a series of games with Mr. H. C. McNair. 'When Greek meets Greek, then comes the tug of war."

— Other arrivals were J. R. Cuthrell, Rocky Mount; A. J. Galloway, Goldsboro; Teach C. Coxe, Asheville; John H. Cook, Laurinburg; F. Kell, and J. N. Edwars, Gamberry; T. H. Newkirk, Vineland; D. D. Lennon, Bladenboro; G. W. P. Bitte, Charlotte; A. A. Wells, Wilson; E. G. Porter, Goldsboro; J. E. Shields, Weldon.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—823 bales cotton, 6 bbls rosin, 6 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—184 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 69 bbls rosin, 18 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—29 bales cotton, 85 casks spirits turpentine, 109 bbls rosin, 10 bbls tar.

Steamer Driver—8 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 138 bbls rosin, 76 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—117 bales cotton, 45 casks spirits turpentine, 63 bbls rosin, 69 bbls tar.

Autry's raft—1,100 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 655 bales; spirits turpentine, 99 casks; rosin, 1,484 bbls; tar, 169 bbls.

Funeral of the Late R. S. Townsend.

The remains of the late Robt. S. Townsend were laid in their last resting place Sunday afternoon. Services were held at the residence of Mr. W. M. Hays, No. 307 North Seventh street, in accordance with the funeral rites of the Odd Fellows, of which order Mr. Townsend was a member for about thirty years, and for a number of years a Past Grand. Rev. W. B Oliver, of the First Baptist church and chaplain of Cape Fear Lodge, I. O. O. F., conducted the services. The pall bearers were Mr. R. J. Jones and Mr. W. M. Hays (honorary), and Messrs. Wm. Goodman, Jno. R. Mahoney, Chas. Schnibben, John Maunder, B. H. Scott and John H. Strauss.

The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

Another Incendiary Fire.

A two-story, unoccupied, frame dwelling on the northwest corner of Eleventh and Chesnut streets, owned by Mr. Wm. Goodman, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. At 3 o'clock the alarm was sent in, but as the fire alarm system was out of order the indicators of the different engine houses registered 343. The department was at a loss what to do and where to go and when the fire was finally discovered, the house was about burned down. The loss is fully covered by $500 insurance with Messrs. J. H. Boatwright & Son. The fire was of incendiary origin.

Three houses on the opposite side of Chesnut street were set on fire by flying cinders from the burning building, but the fires were extinguished by the energetic work of the firemen before much damage resulted.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

MASONIC.

Installation of Officers of Wilmington, St. Johns and Orient Lodges.

In consequence of St. John's day falling upon Sunday the present year, yesterday was observed by the Masons of this city and in accordance therewith St John's Lodge No. 1, Wilmington Lodge No. 319 and Orient Lodge No. 395, assembled at St. John's Hall last evening when the officers for the ensuing Masonic year were installed by P. M. M. C. S. Noble, P. M. W. E. Storm acting as Grand Marshal, as follows:

Wilmington Lodge No. 319.—W. M., C. H. Robinson; S. W., W. B. McKoy; J. W., J. W. Harper; Treasurer, W. G. A. Otersen; Secretary, T. F. Bagley; S. D., R. C. Cantwell; J. D., J. F. Woolvin; Chaplin, W. S. Warrock; Marshal, C. E. Gordon; Tyler, Thos. H. Johnson.

Orient Lodge No. 395—M. S. Willard, W. M.; E. P. Bailey, S. W.; W. P. Toomer, J. W.; W. Smallbones, S. D.; I. H. Watters, J. D.; J. C. Munds, Treasurer; H. G. Smallbones, O. F. Love, Stewards; T. H. Johnson, Tiler.

St. John's Lodge No. 1—R. C. Merritt, W. M.; Jas. F. Post, Jr., S. W.; F. H. Feichtig, J. W.; B. H. Scott, Treasurer; W. M. Poisson, Secretary; W. G. Evans, S. D.; S. G. Hall, J. D.; T. H. Johnson, Tiler; H. H. Munson, Marshal; J. F. Maunder, Paul Gary, Stewards.

Christmas German.

The holiday dances were ushered in last night with an impromptu german in Germania Hall. The german was led by Mr. Louis Cutlar and Miss Olive Armstrong. The couples who whirled around the merry ball room floor were Mr. Earl St. John, Miss Rose McPherson; Mr. Leon Southerland, Miss Lucille Murchison; Mr. Kirby Collier, Miss Betty DeRosset; Mr. James Cotchett, Miss DeRosset; Mr. John Peschau, Miss Augusta Wiggins; Mr. Nash DeRosset, Miss Agnes Foy; Mr. George Chadbourn, Miss Susie Parsley; Mr. James Daggett, Miss Leonora Cantwell; Mr. Reid French, Miss Lois Wright; Mr. Neil Emerson, Miss Annie Kidder; Mr. Charles Green, Miss Rogers; Mr. Robert Nash, Miss Lucy Latham; Mr. Tom Myers, Miss Genie Peck; Mr. Ed. Peschau, Miss May O'Connor; Mr. Wm. Lewis, Miss Mary L. McKoy; Mr. Dawson Latham, Miss Emma West; Mr. Harry Latimer, Miss May Treat Peck; Mr. McRee Hatch, Miss Sallie McRee; Mr. Tom Jones, Miss Carrie Wright; Mr. Walter Daggett, Miss Marie Peschau; Mr. Ed. Metts, Miss Octavia Boatwright.

The visitors present were Miss Lois Wright, of Portsmouth, Va.; Miss Agnes Foy, of Newbern, and Miss Olivia Rogers, of Waynesville.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington postoffice December 27, 1896:

LADIES' LIST.

B—Julia Berry, Louia Balkan, Mary Boykin. C—Mrs A J Culpeper, Louia Calmina. D—Mrs Ida Debusiera. H—Alice Hardon, Hattie R Holden, Louise Howell. K—Fannie Killay, Florrie King. M—Mary Molberry. N—Laura Nixon. R—Mrs. C. J. Reares Mrs Emily Rodgers, Mrs W S Robinson. S—Hester Smith. T—Janie Taylor. V—Mamie Vaughn.

MEN'S LIST.

A—Willie Ash. B—John A Buchanan (2). R C Bandy, W R Barnes, Wm Benaron. C—H H Craig. D—A B Dren. F—Funch, Edge & Co. E—J D Edwards, Wm Edward. G—Ben Garais. H—John Hinton. J—Jacob Johnson. M—Marcus Mabson, Richard Meares. R—N W Rawls, F M Richards S—H W Stubbs, Hamilton Sands, G L Smith, Geo Smith. W—Geo L Wooden, Charlie Wooten, Ed Williams.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

D G Bright, L E Danahr, S M Donaldson, E Donaldson, Elias Thomas.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Wilmington, Fifth Street church, January 3, 3.
Wilmington, Grace church, January 9, 10.
Southport, January 16, 17.
Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, January 23, 24.
Wilmington, at Market Street, January 31.
Wilmington, Bladen Street (night), January 31.
Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7
Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13 14.
Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.
Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27 28.
Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.
Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.
Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.
Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.
Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.
Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.
Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.
Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

Herald's Dispatch Boat Ashore.

It was reported yesterday that the steam yacht *Advance*, the New York *Herald's* dispatch boat, en route to Havana or Key West, went ashore Sunday night near Federal Point, and that a part of the woodwork of the vessel was torn up and used for fuel in an attempt to get the yacht afloat. Capt. George Reno is in command of the yacht. No further information regarding the accident could be obtained.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 30 cents. tf

THREE FRIENDS CASE.

It Assumes a Serious Phase and the Crew May Be Treated as Pirates.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Sent Post Haste to Key West—The Three Friends Sails for Jacksonville.

[*Washington Post.*]

TAMPA, FLA., Dec. 27.—The developments in Cuban circles to-day have been startling, and the actors in the recent sea tragedy who were on board the *Three Friends* are frightened over the gravity of the situation in which they have been involved. They find themselves, instead of being in a dangerous position as filibusters, to be in the unenviable position of pirates, and the wisest Cuban heads have been summoned in consultation. The story of the engagement between the famous filibuster and the Spanish warship was so grave that Mr. Scott Wike, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, was sent post haste by the Department to Key West, where the filibuster was seized, but the absence of a district attorney at that place made detention a farce.

Mr. Wike stopped at Jacksonville yesterday afternoon, and is said to have censured the district attorney there for having no representative at Key West. He arrived here this morning, and has been in consultation with the Collector of Customs. This morning the affair presented the following aspect:

No denial has been made of the story by officials of the *Three Friends*. It is claimed in that case that Spain may make requisition upon this Government for the persons who were aboard, and this Government has no alternative but the delivery.

WIKE GOES TO KEY WEST TO-DAY

As pirates Spain would fix the extreme penalty upon them. Should any of them escape with their lives, which is improbable, this Government would deal with them. Mr. Wike is to leave to-morrow on the cutter *Forward* for Key West, where the fullest details of the situation confronting this Government and the human cargo of the *Three Friends* will be obtained. It is said that the Government will take no responsibility in the matter, but will attempt to deliver the culprits to assure Spain of her displeasure.

When the *Olivette* arrived this afternoon Col. Emilio Nunez, Carillio, and several other Cubans were on board. Capt. O'Brien, of the *Three Friends*, was also a passenger. Col. Nunez admitted that the story of the engagement was true, and appeared particularly proud of posing somewhat like an admiral. He had the custody of all the recent expeditions, seeing that they were safely landed. When they learned of Mr. Wike's presence the boasting changed to consternation as the light in which they were regarded dawned fully upon them.

Nunez and the Cubans came to Tampa to consult with the leading Cubans. O'Brien, who immediately began denying his own identity, came up on a later train and remained concealed in the shadow of the station. Six tickets for the entire party were purchased by another Cuban.

TO CONFER WITH THE BOAT OWNERS

J. E. Cartaya, a leading Cuban, accompanied the party to Jacksonville to-night, where they go to confer with the owners of the *Three Friends*.

Other passengers besides Nunez confirm the story of the engagement. It is also learned that the arms of the last expedition fell into Spanish hands.

Francis Lynde Stetson, President Cleveland's former law partner, was at Port Tampa to day. When this was learned it was remembered that he had been sent as a special emissary to look into the case. This helped to increase the fright of the Cubans. It is known that Mr. Cleveland has confidence in Stetson's judgment, and his presence just at this juncture is significant. The *Three Friends* left Key West to-day for Jacksonville.

ALMOST CAUGHT WEYLER.

Insurgents Surprise the Spanish Captain General—Saved by the Arrival of Cavalry.

KEY WEST, Dec. 25.—Havana news indicates that Gen. Weyler is having more trouble in the Pinar del Rio section than he expected.

As he was travelling the military road from Artemisa to San Cristobal the second day of his arrival, with a smaller escort than usual, an attack was made on him, and but for the sudden and unexpected appearance of a company of Spanish cavalry he would have been captured.

This road is one that Weyler keeps strongly guarded, but on that day a part of the troops was on another portion and where Weyler was traveling the force was small. While crossing a bridge over a small creek, ambushed Cubans poured in a sudden fire, killing nearly half his escort.

Weyler's horse shied and ran off, carrying the rider out of range. Dozens of Cubans pursued on foot. They fired at him, hoping to disable his horse and effect his capture.

The sound of firing brought up a squadron of cavalry that was passing to Artemisa, and Weyler plunged into their midst in somewhat undignified haste. The skirmish was continued for half an hour but, finding that they were outnumbered, the insurgents withdrew. Since that Weyler has not gone out, except when guarded by a large force.

VICTORY FOR RIVERA.

Maceo's Successor Reported to Have Defeated the Spanish.

CINCINNATI, December 27.—A special to the *Commercial Tribune* from Key West, Fla., says:

"Reports from Havana to-night are that an attack was made on one of Gen. Rivera's foot hill forts yesterday by some of Weyler's forces and that the Spaniards were repulsed, the big dynamite gun belonging to General Rivera's command securing the victory for the insurgents. It is reported that over fifty men were lost on the Spanish side and fewer in the Cuban ranks. All information is refused in Havana, where the officials say no such engagement took place. As the report came through the regular Cuban channels, it is believed here.

Burglars at Magnolia.

Burglars attempted to break into the store of Mr. J. A. Matthews, Magnolia, Duplin county, Christmas night. A crowbar was used, the noise of which attracted the notice of persons living nearby, who arrived in time to render the attempts of the burglars unsuccessful.

— The Wilmington foot ball team is now in correspondence with the Wilson elevens, with whom they hope to arrange a game for New Year.

THE MORNING STAR.

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Do you want a paper that prints the latest telegraphic news, the best local news, reliable market reports, excellent short stories, and the choicest miscellaneous matter? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Notice.

ENDOWMENT RANK K. OF P. ANNUAL meeting to be held Tuesday, December 29th, at 8 30 o'clock.

JAS. D. NUTT, Sec'y, Section 881.
Castle Hall, 18 North Front St. dec 29 1t

NOTICE.

Wanted, Furs of All Kinds.

Highest New York market prices. Express and freight charges paid. Returns made the day goods are received.

Quotations furnished upon request.

SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
13 Market Street.
dec 29 tf

Coats' Cotton.

1000 Dozen Coats' Cotton,
1000 Pounds Ball Cotton,
1200 Pounds Soap, all grades,
3000 Pounds Tobacco,
150 Bags Shot,
240 Kegs Nails,
100 Bags Meal,
25 Bags Hudnut's Grits.

W. B. COOPER.
dec 27 1 Dew Wilmington, N C.

COAL! COAL!!

The Very Best Grade of

SOFT COAL,

from Virginia and Tennessee. None better. All lumps.

THE VERY THING for a bright cheerful grate fire

ONLY $4 50 PER TON, CASH.

CHEAPER THAN WOOD.

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W. E. WORTH & CO.
dec 25 tf

Foreclosure Sale.

BY VIRTUE AND IN PURSUANCE OF A decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made at its September, 1896, term, in an action therein pending, wherein Winslow W. Saul is plaintiff, and William H. Spice and his wife Cornelia Ann Spicer are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will sell by public auction, for cash, on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, in the year 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, the following described parcel of land situated in the said city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the northern line of Hanover street, at a point forty-one feet and three inches (41 ft. 3 inches) west of the northern corner intersection of Hanover and Eighth streets, and running thence westwardly along the northern line of Hanover street 41 feet 3 inches, thence northwardly and parallel with Eighth street 88 feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Hanover street 41 feet 3 inches, thence southwardly and parallel with Eighth street 88 feet to the northern line of Hanover street, the beginning. The same being a part of the eastern part of lot number 5, in block number 207 according to the present plan of the said city of Wilmington.

WILLIAM L. SMITH, Commissioner.
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14 Cents
a pound for
SPRINGFIELD HAMS.

The Name Tells the Story.

"NUFF SAID."

I have them. You want them?

S. W. SANDERS,
At the "Unlucky Corner."
dec 19 tf

Just Received

A Fresh Stock of

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ANDREW MAVRONICHOLS,
705 North Fourth St

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dec 26 3t

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until you have seen our

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The largest stock of FINE PERFUMES, &c., in the city to select from.

JAMES D. NUTT,
dec 23 tf The Druggist.

FRANK H. STEDMAN,
Real Estate Broker,
DEALER IN
STOCKS AND BONDS.
Loans Negotiated.
Office in STAR Building, first floor.
dec 19 Tu

For Rent,

THE STORE No. 109 NORTH Water street, now occupied by J. L. Cronly & Co. Apply to O'CONNOR, Real Estate Agent.

A. D. BROWN'S
Christmas Offerings
—AT—
No. 29 North Front St.
Bric-a-Brac.

Rose Jars in Black, Purple, Lemon and Pink at 40c, $1.00 and 2.00.
Pin Trays in Black, Pink and Blue, decorated, 25c each.
Hand-painted Wine and Medicine Glasses 10c each.
Real Cut Glass Vases at 75c each.
Violet Jars in shades of Pink, Blue and Green 20c each.
Low Tea Cups and Saucers in Blue, White and Pink, 35c, 65c, 20c, 15c, 35c and 50 cent. Assorted Salad Plates 15 and 20c each.
Oat Meal Sets 75c, variety of colors. Cracker Jars 75c and $1.75.
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For the STAR of the Old North State that stands by us and for our interest the year round, carries our message in the homes of many of our best citizens of this country, and tells them of the many good things we have to sell.

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Buy your Toys and Dry Goods now, before the holiday season is past.

Our trade has been splendid this season, but we are sorry to say the season is nearly over and we are anxious to unload lots of our goods. We have made quite a lot of preparations for Santa Claus. He has for the past eight years made his headquarters with us, and we have found him to be a very generous old fellow, and he is also welcome this Christmas. We respectfully invite the little ones that Santa loves to come and leave their orders for Santa. He will be sure to attend to them. We have at Santa's disposal Dolls of all kinds dressed, from 5c to $9 50 each, China Dolls, Bisque, Indestructible Cloth Dolls, Baby Dolls and Esquimo Dolls to please the eye and the pocket both.

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1896

SUGAR PRODUCTION.

We wrote an article a few days ago on the dependence of this country on other countries for many things which could be and should be produced in this country. This costs us millions of dollars annually, and the money goes out of the country, very little of it to return. We had reference in that article to manufactured articles, but we also buy abroad natural and agricultural products, such as wool, silk, rice, sugar, tobacco, nuts, fruits and other things, all of which could be raised in this country, but which we have never tried to raise in quantity sufficient to meet the demand.

Let us take the item of sugar. The people of this country consume annually 2,000,000 tons and produce 350,000 tons, leaving 1,650,000 tons to be imported from other countries, for which we pay over $100,000,000. Every dollar of this goes out, and very little of it comes back. It goes out annually, not for one year, or two years, but year after year, and will go in larger amount as our population increases if we continue to import to meet the demand as we have been doing and do now.

If we could not produce sugar enough to supply the home market there would be a satisfactory reason for the importation, as there is for the importation of coffee, tea, spices, &c., but this is not the case, for there is no part of the United States between the extreme North and extreme South, extreme East and extreme West, where sugar cannot be produced, either from cane or beets. Of course some sections, owing to soil and climate, are better adapted to growing sugar-producing plants than other sections, but all sections are capable of growing them to some extent. The sorghum cane grows well in most of the Northern and Western States, for it is not so sensitive to frost as the Louisiana sugar cane is, and it grows luxuriantly in the South when attention is given to its cultivation and the soil is reasonably fertile. The Louisiana cane can be grown in most of that State, in the Southern portion of Arkansas, in a considerable portion of Texas, in Florida, Mississippi and portions of North Carolina. It is claimed that sugar cane will grow luxuriantly in any part of Florida, even in the pine barrens, and that that State alone could produce sugar enough to supply the demand for the whole country. This may be saying too much but there is little doubt that in the cane-growing area of the States we have named enough could be produced without seriously taxing its capacity to produce sufficient for this country and leave a pretty respectable surplus for export.

But we have in addition to this an unbounded area adapted to the growth of the sugar beet, which has taken the lead of cane as the sugar supplier of the world. The production of cane sugar for the world is 3,200,000 tons, of which this country produces only 300,000 tons, not a tenth part of the total, and not a sixth part of the sugar we consume. The world's production of beet sugar is 4,600,000 tons, of which we produce the insignificant portion of 30,000 tons. Germany produces 1,700,000, lacking only 300,000 tons of as much as this country consumes, and Germany isn't as large as the State of Texas. Germany, France, Austria and Russia produce 4,000,000 tons, and none of these countries is any better adapted to the culture of the sugar beet than this country, and perhaps not as well. We have the advantage of being able to choose the soil and climate best adapted to it, while they have no such choice. Their growing season is a good deal like that in the West, short, while we have in addition to the North and West with their shorter seasons the semi-tropical region of the South, where the growing season is long and but little danger of frost, giving more time for the plant to mature and reach perfection.

And yet in all this wide domain we produce only 30,000 tons of beet sugar. There are in the United States only nine beet sugar factories, and these in only five States and one Territory, three in California, two in Nebraska, one in Utah, one in Wisconsin, one in Virginia and one in New Mexico. It is said that it would require seven hundred such factories as these, with their capacity, to produce the amount of sugar that the people of this country annually consume.

The low price of the staple farm products of the West will in the near future compel the farmers of that section of the country to seek other crops which will bring them better reward for their labor. Those of them in the States where sugar factories have been established who raise beets can realize four or five times as much money from them, acre for acre, as they did from any of the other crops commonly grown at the prices that have prevailed for some years. The low price of cotton will in all probability force Southern farmers to do as the Western farmers will have to do, seek new crops in the cultivation of which there may be more profit.

Here is something for the Southern farmers to think about. If they wait until the culture in the West has grown to such proportions as to secure the establishment of a large number of manufactories the West will get the start and it will be difficult to induce men with money to invest in factories in the South for they will not care to embark and enter into competition with the Western factories if they should be numerous and strong. If the South gets the start the West will be in the same predicament. The section that takes the lead and makes the most progress will be the one most benefitted, and be most likely to retain the lead, which the South with her natural advantages could easily do. While there are inducements in beet culture for all sections, there are special inducements for the South, for there are immense possibilities in it for this section.

It may be said that we have no factories now, which is true, with the exception of the one that is in Virginia, but we will have no factories until we have beets. The beet goes before the factory. When the beets come in sufficient quantity the factories will come.

MINOR MENTION.

We have in these columns devoted considerable attention to the subject of nut-culture as an inviting and profitable one for the people of this section, and have tried especially to direct attention to the pecan and walnut, in each of which there are great possibilities both in the nuts and in the timber, which in time would pay a handsome profit if nothing were realized from the nuts. But this subject has attracted attention in other States and nut-growers have been making experiments that may, if they prove as successful as represented, materially reduce the cost of production and lessen the time for the realizing of profits. One of these experiments is noted by the Greenville, S. C., *News* as having been made by a nut-grower in Florida who grafted some soft shell pecan grafts into hickory trees, the result being that in three years he got a paying crop of pecans without having to wait several years longer for the young pecan trees to come into profitable bearing. The *News* mentions this as a hint to South Carolina land owners, but seems to be in doubt whether the pecan will thrive in South Carolina generally, although it has no doubt that in some localities it will. The pecan is as hardy a tree as the hickory, and will thrive anywhere that the hickory will. They may be found scattered from Maryland and Missouri to the Gulf of Mexico. Occasionally, but very rarely, the frost nips the budding hickories in this State, but this is only when the budding is very early or the freeze is very late. The danger of frost is so little that it need not be considered as one of the factors in the business. But the pecan is no new experiment in this section for there are thousands of trees in the forests, and many people have some trees planted about their dwellings from which they have been for years gathering nuts for home use. This settles the question of the adaptibility of this section to their growth, and if the hickory-grafting process be a success, (and we see no reason why it should not), it will settle [the question of raising large quantites of nuts at a comparatively small cost. Some of the STAR's subscribers have planted groves with the choicest seed. It would be worth while for some of them to give this grafting process a trial.

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Prof. Booker T. Washington, President of the colored State college of Alabama, to whose wise utterances we have several times called attention, has been talking some more hard sense, this time in Springfield, Mass., where he delivered a lecture a few days ago, from which the following are extracts:

"Few of you, I fear, realize what you asked the South to do immediately after the war. Returning to their destitute homes after years of disastrous war to face blasted hopes, shattered industrial systems, your southern brethren brethren had to reorganize, create a new industrial system, to out on foot out of their poverty a system of public schools. Besides, you ask them to add to their own burdens and perplexities that of preparing in education, economics and politics for citizenship within a few short years 4,000 000 of former slaves."

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"Heretofore we have had too much of the idea that an educated colored man must either teach, preach, be a clerk or follow a profession. Our educated men must, more and more, go to the farms, into the trades, start brickyards, sawmills, factories, open coal mines. They must apply their education to conquer the forces of nature. Education within itself is nothing except as it is used in a way to make the world better and more useful; unless it is used in a way to produce something. An educated man standing on the streets with his hands in his pockets is of no more value to the world than an ignorant man doing the same thing. In the present condition of our race our education for the next 50 or 100 years should be especially directed along industrial and scientific lines."

The former of these paragraphs is a plain statement of several facts, not entirely new, however, to the people to whom it was made, for many of them realized it fully but thought they were punishing the South, which was more of an object with them than the elevation or betterment of the emancipated slave. The second paragraph is the utterance of a man who has given the subject of the elevation of his race thorough study and shows not only in this but in everything he has said on that subject (and he has talked much on it) that he fully comprehends it.

Mr. McKinley went to church while he was in Chicago, and the preacher recognizing the "advance agent of prosperity" in closing his sermon, looked straight at Mr. McKinley and said: "We all look for better times. We expect they are coming right off." Some of the congregation "tittered," and Mr. McKinley had a far off look. He was not right sure whether the preacher was really looking for better times, or poking some clerical fun at him. There is no accounting for these Chicago preachers.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The shrinkage of value in stocks in the New York market on account of the Senate committee's Cuban report suggests the possibility that perhaps some of the Senators—but then, of course, they would not speculate. — *Indianapolis Sentinel, Dem.*

—— We notice that some New York millionaires are buying yachts from England instead of having them built at home. One man has just received a John Bull craft costing $500,000. His great fortune was made by his father in this country.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

——Perhaps in nine cases in every ten the reports of alleged "race wars" telegraphed from the South are mere perversions of such common brawls as are lidely to occur whenever and wherever the connection is made between a mean man and mean whiskey. They are christened "race wars" by men who know that when so called they may be worth $5 each, while if they were called disturbances of the peace they could not be marketed at all.—*N. Y. World, Dem.*

—— Colonel Richard Malcolm Johnston was true to himself and to his people, when in his speech the other night at the banquet of the New England Society of New York, he repudiated the new South idea. "The South," said Colonel Johnston, "I do not say the new South; it is old South, continuing fond of her traditions and ashamed of no part of her history," etc. There is nothing more sickening than to hear a Southern man talk about "the new South," particularly if he is addressing an assemblage of Northern men.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Algernon—"Two years ago I though she was the sunbeam of my existence."

Dick—"Then she's an ex-ray."—*New York Journal.*

— Amateur Humorist—"That is a pretty good joke of mine, don't you think so?"

Experienced Editor—"Well, it is just as funny now as it ever was."—*Sommerville Journal.*

— "What do you think of my French, Jules?" I asked of my Paris guide. "It iss wonderful, madame," he replied, courteously. "In all my life before I never have heard anysing like it." —*Household Words.*

— Teacher—Where is joy, health and happiness to be found?

Tommy—In the dictionary.—*New York Advertiser.*

— She—My brother Tom played with your foot ball team, didn't he?

He—Yes; he did.

She—And he was a full-back or half-back?

He—Neither. He was-er-a drawback.

— "Walter, you remember the order I gave you yesterday."

"Yes, sir; will you have the same to-day?"

"Yes; it ought to be ready by this time.—*N. Y. World.*

— "I guess I can manage to stand it when you call a fifty-cent piece a half-dollar, but when you speak of a slab as a slob, I want it understood that I will permit no such language.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— Brown—"I wonder who originated the idea that it is unlucky to begin anything on Friday?"

Robinson—"Probably it was some lazy individual who preferred to wait until Saturday?"—*Puck.*

— Oldboy—"Say, plumber, you are a very improvident man, leaving those pieces of lead, nuts and screws lying about. They'll surely be lost."

Leadly—"Oh, no, sir. You'll find 'em all in the bill."—*Harlem Life.*

— Weldon *News:* Mr. Walter Shields' dwelling, near Tillery, was burned to the ground last Thursday. He lost nearly all his furniture. —— Mr. C. H. Hale's son, at Halifax, was broken into last Friday night by unknown thieves and robbed of about $60 worth of goods. The rogues have not been captured but Mr. Hale has recovered some of the goods. The store is supposed to have been robbed by two convicts, recently discharged from the State farm near that place, who were seen in town Friday.

Ministers Should Use Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

THERE IS NO PROFESSION, whose labors so severely tax the nervous system, as that of the ministry. The derangement of the nerve centers of the brain by over work, frequently brings on attacks of heart trouble, and nervous prostration.

Rev. J. P. Kester, M. D., Pastor U. B. church, London Mills, Ills., himself a physician, writes Feb. 26, 1896: "Heart affection and nervous prostration had become so serious last fall that a little over work in the pulpit would so completely prostrate me that it seemed certain I must relinquish the work of the ministry entirely. Heart palpitation became so bad that my auditors would ask me if I did not have heart disease. Last November I commenced taking Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure alternately with Dr. Miles' Nervine and derived the greatest possible benefit. I have just closed revival work of [illegible] preaching nearly every night and twice on [illegible] each. I can speak for hours without suffering as I formerly did. Hard working ministers should keep Dr. Miles' grand remedies on hand."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Charlotte *News:* J. P. Hunter, Esq., of Derita, cut down a bee tree one day last week and got sixteen pounds of honey, two squirrels and one opossum.

— Mount Airy *News:* Col. A B. Gallaway, of Elkin, raised 40 bushels of Irish potatoes on less than one-eighth of an acre. He then sowed the land in turnips, but owing to the dry weather, the first sowing failed. He sowed the second time about the middle of September, and on the 9th of December dug 85 bushels from the sowing, besides using turnips from the patch all the Fall.

— Raleigh *News and Observer:* Major Sidney M Finger died in New ton Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. He had not been in robust health for some time, but his death was so unexpected as to shock all his friends. —— A free dispensary will be opened early in the new year in connection with the schools of Medicine and Pharmacy at Shaw University. The members of the medical faculty can be consulted at stated hours without charge by needy and deserving colored people. If medicines are necessary, they will also be furnished free of expense.

— Wadesboro *Messenger:* Mrs. Dr. P. T. Beeman died at her home at Peachland last Saturday, after a long illness. —— Isaac M. Williams, Esq., died at his home near Polkton last Saturday afternoon, after an illness of several months, aged about 65 years. —— Miss Fannie McIntyre died at the home of her father, Mr. G. McIntyre, in Ansonville township, Monday night, aged about 18 years. —— Officers raided an illicit distillery that was doing business in Lilesville township, near the plantation of T. J. & C. N. Ingram, last Monday night, and destroyed the whole outfit.

— Monroe *Enquirer:* Mr. John Meigs died at his home in Marshville township, on December 18th, 1896. He was seventy-eight years old. —— Mr. Jackson Gathings died at his home at Prarie Station, Mississippi, December 9th, 1896, in the seventy fifth year of his age. He was a very prominent citizen and a good man. He was a native of this county and was a brother of Mrs. S. A. Covington, of this place. — Some time ago Mr. Bryant Williams, of Rock Rest, found a bee tree on Mr. B F. McLarty's land, two miles east of here. On last Saturday Mr. Williams and Mr. Mc Larty took eighty-four pounds of nice honey from the tree. There were two large swarms of bees in it. Some time ago Mr. J. D. Hendricks, of Marshville township, found a bee tree and when he cut it down found that there was seven feet of the hollow, which was about a foot across, full of comb. He sawed off a section of the tree and carried it to his house and the bees are contented and at work in their new quarters. This is not a good week for bee trees either.

Don't dally with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

EXERCISES FOR THE THROAT.

A Branch of Physical Culture Not Often Touched On.

The chronic sore throat is not infrequently produced by the misuse of the vocal organs. Very often that unruly little member, the tongue, is accountable for the difficulty, as it is for a great many other troubles in this transitory life. Many people have a habit when talking of pushing the tongue so far back against the delicate membranes that line the throat that irritation more or less painful is caused, and if it continues any length of time ulcers will form, and so will a doctor's bill.

Control of the tongue is excellent in all senses of the word. Physically this organ may be managed by depressing it into a hollow at a point three-quarters of an inch back of where the tip of it comes when in a natural position in the mouth and at the same time singing very light head tones. This exercise requires some patience at first, but the habit of keeping the tongue down is soon acquired. In speaking or singing it should not be allowed to hoop up and fill the mouth, thus interfering with the free passage of the tones of the voice from the throat to the front of the mouth, where they should strike and then escape clear as a bell. This hooping up of the tongue in the mouth is the cause of much of the indistinct and slovenly utterances to which we are too often obliged to listen.

In many people we notice the line from the point of the chin to the neck is in the form of a right angle. In a shapely throat this line forms a curve just as a canary's does when the small yellow artist is warbling his carols.

To develop the throat and make this angle a curve, stand before a mirror so that you may watch the throat swell out. Now thrust your tongue out as far as it will go, then draw it back quickly and forcibly, at the same time bringing it downward in the mouth as far as you can. Place your thumb and forefinger against the larynx (commonly called the Adam's apple), and if you are making the right movement you will feel the larynx pass downward. For a week or two make the movements lightly. After that time put as much force into it as you can. The exercise should be practiced for a few minutes several times a day to insure rapid and good results.

To fill up the hollows of the neck, stand correctly, and then slowly fill the lungs with air without elevating your shoulders. As the air is forced upward into the throat hold it there a few seconds and then expel slowly. This exercise is best performed soon after rising in the morning and before retiring at night.—New York Post.

An Anomalous "Bruiser."

Couper, "the ex-prize fighter and author," who was one of the enrolled in the police force during the troubles at Johannesburg, formerly enjoyed a great reputation in South Africa by defeating a local Goliath in Kimberley. Since then he has done a good deal for athletics in South Africa and has written a book, an exceptional accomplishment for a prize fighter, but not surprising in Couper's case, since he is a well educated man, and, indeed, in most matters a complete contrast to the accepted type of "bruiser."

All Luck.

"If I had your luck and you had mine," said Dismal Dawson to one of his prosperous clients, "I s'pose it would be me helpin you."

"Luck?" answered the prosperous one. "I made all my money by hard work."

"That's where the luck figures. You was borned with a likin for work. I wasn't." — Indianapolis Journal.

TRUE TO HIS LOVE.

A HUSBAND WHO CHERISHED THE MEMORY OF HIS DEAD WIFE.

The Peculiar Fashion In Which He Showed His Faithfulness—Always Acted As if His Wife Was Still With Him—The Pathetic Story Told by a Hotel Clerk.

The Sun reporter was leaning in a graceful attitude against the counter of an up town hotel office, conversing in an inaccuiant and nonchalant manner with the haughty and imperious clerk, as reporters always do, when a nice looking old gentleman, with just enough provincialism in his appearance to show that he was not a New Yorker, though he might have come from Philadelphia or any other rural district, came up to the register as if he had been there before and wrote his name and address. In a few minutes the clerk had sent him off to his room with a bellboy and resumed his conversation.

"Queer old chap," he said, nodding in the direction of the departing guest.

The reporter whirled the register around to look at the name.

"Yes?" he replied questioningly. "I see that he has signed himself and wife. Where's the wife? In the ladies' parlor?"

"That's the queer part of it," continued the clerk with an evident purpose of telling a story, and the reporter became interested. "There isn't any wife. He's a widower, and has been for 15 years, but he has been signing it that way for the ten years I have known him. He is now 60, and was married at 40, and the romance is as pretty as it is pathetic."

"And unusual," ventured the reporter, "if he is faithful to the memory of one woman, and that woman his wife. Widowers are not all so."

"That is why this one's story is the more interesting. Let me tell you. At 25 he was a poor young clerk in a western town and was romantically and deeply in love with a pretty girl of 20. It may be said that she was in love with him, too, but he had queer notions, and as they were both poor, and a rich man was anxious to marry the girl, he never told his love, but let concealment, like a worm in the bud, feed on his damask cheek, as it were, and he pined in thought and with a green and yellow melancholy sat, like patience on a monument, while the other man married her.

"At 34 she was a widow and poor, for her husband had dissipated his fortune, and our friend here, still a bachelor and as much in love as ever, was a successful merchant. This time he was braver, for he was possessed of the sinews of war, and within a year's time he had married her. It was rather hasty on her part, possibly, but he had waited long enough and was so importunate that she compromised with him on one year instead of the regulation two of widowhood. They came to this hotel on their wedding tour and were here two weeks, and one of the proprietors of the hotel informs me that he never has seen a couple more suited to each other and better satisfied with each other. After that he came to the city in the spring and autumn to buy goods, and she always accompanied him, and they seemed to be no farther away from the honeymoon season with each recurring year.

"At last, after the fifth spring trip, he did not come, but his manager did, and he said that the wife had died and the husband's mind was affected, though they hoped he would come around all right in time. In the following spring he came again, but he was not the same man any more. His mind was clear on all business matters, but he was 'queer' about his wife, and a sadder faced man couldn't be found anywhere. The old clerk, who had been at the counter on his previous visits, was there when he came again, and after greeting him pleasantly turned the register around for him to sign it. He responded as usual, and when the clerk looked at the name it was followed as before by 'and wife,' as he had been accustomed to sign it. The clerk was about to call his attention to it, but a second thought prompted him not to notice it, and he sent the guest to the bridal chamber, the room he and his wife always occupied, as they did on their first visit.

"During his stay of a week he had very little to say, and if any reference was made to his wife he responded as if she were still alive and was with him at the hotel. At the table, too, he had a place for her, and her meals were served as if she had been there to eat them. When he was ready to go and came for his bill, it was made out as usual, and he paid for two people without comment. Ten years ago, when I came into the office, I received my instructions concerning our peculiar guest and have since my first meeting him acted with him exactly as if he were accompanied by his wife. I have learned that he follows the same course in all that he does in any way connected with her. He buys two railroad tickets, two theater tickets, two places in any conveyance, two everything, where she might have gone with him, and on trips where she would not have accompanied him in life, such as short trips from his town or to affairs of any kind where it was probable she would not have cared to go, he provides only for himself. He seems to understand what she would be doing all these years and acts accordingly. You noticed him sign that register and go off up stairs?" concluded the clerk. "Well, he does all the rest in the same confident way, just as if she were with him and his first consideration was for her."

"You may not be a poet," said the reporter, "but the story you tell is a poem that all men should learn and cherish in their hearts."—New York Sun.

Wood Barks.

The French Institute of Science has had under discussion the chemistry of barks possessing an industrial value. It is shown that the gums and cements which hold together the filaments of fiber are composed essentially of pectose, cutose and vasculose, while the fiber itself is composed of fibrose, cellulose and its derivatives—the theory, therefore, of degumming or retting being to dissolve and wash out the gums without attacking the cellulose; while, in order to eliminate the vasculose and cutose, alkaline oleates or caustic alkalies under pressure are found to be necessary, and even bisulphites and hydrochlorites. The gums being thus dissolved, the epidermis is detached and can be separated mechanically from the layer of fiber by washing. An important point involved is that upon the degree of cleanness of the fiber must depend the expense of this degumming operation. In the construction of machines for this purpose it has been assumed that there is but little difference whether the ribbon to be operated upon is simply stripped bark or a well decorticated product, as the revolving agency, followed by a volume of water, may be depended upon to render the separation complete and to wash out all extraneous matters, giving the pure fiber. The quantity that may be turned out in a given time, rather than quantity with quality, has been the main consideration. The waste matters in the bark of ramie stalks must be wholly eliminated before the fiber is fit for the spinner, and if the machine does not accomplish any part of this work the degumming bath must do it all, but at a cost in direct ratio to the percentage of waste matters remaining in the ribbons after leaving the machine.

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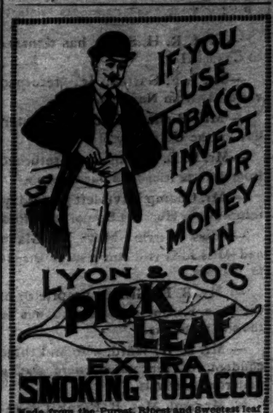

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BAGGING—		
2 lb Jute		6
Standard		6½
WHITE SMOKED—		
Hams, ₩ lb	13 @	14
Sides, ₩ lb	6 @	7
Shoulders, ₩ lb	6 @	6½
DRY SALTED—		
Sides, ₩ lb	6½@	6¾
Shoulders, ₩ lb	6 @	6½
BARRELS—Spirit Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00 @	1 10
New New York, each	1 25 @	1 40
New	@	1 60
BEESWAX, ₩ lb	22 @	24
BRICKS—		
Wilmington, ₩ M	8 50 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina, ₩ lb	15 @	
N. rthern	22 @	
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	40 @	42½
Virginia Meal	40 @	40½
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle	@	1 20
CANDLES—₩ lb—		
Sperm	15 @	25
Adamantine	9 @	10
CHEESE ₩ lb—		
Northern Factory	10 @	11
Dairy, Cream	11 @	12
Skims	@	10
COFFEE—₩ lb—		
Laguyra	20 @	
Rio	20 @	18
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard	@	5½
Yarns, ₩ bunch	18 @	60
EGGS—₩ dozen	@	20
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ barrel	22 00 @	00 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ half-barrel	12 00 @	13 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ barrel	22 00 @	24 00
Mackerel, No 3, ₩ half-barrel	8 00 @	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ₩ barrel	15 00 @	16 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	3 00 @	3 50
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel	5 75 @	6 50
N C Roe Herring, ₩ keg	4 00 @	5 00
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5 @	6
" ₩ box	2 25 @	2 50
FLOUR—₩ barrel—		
Low grade	3 25 @	3 75
Choice	4 00 @	4 50
Straight	4 75 @	5 00
Fine Patent	4 25 @	5 00
GLUE—₩ lb	7½@	8½
GRAIN—₩ bu hel—		
Corn, from store, bag—White	45½@	46
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40 @	40½
Oats, from a car	30 @	35½
Oats, Rust Proof	40 @	40
Cow peas	45 @	60
HIDES, ₩ lb—		
Green	@	6
Dry	@	6
HAY, ₩ 100 lbs—		
Timothy	@	1 05
Western	@	90
North River	@	85
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb	3 @	3½
LARD, ₩ lb—		
Northern	5½@	6¾
North Carolina	6 @	7
LIME, ₩ barrel	@	1 00
LUMBER—(Retail prices, ₩ M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00 @	2000
Rough-dge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India, cargoes, according to quality	13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	22 00
Ceiling, re and boards, seasoned	14 00 @	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—		
New Crop Cuba, in hhds	@	32
" in barrels	@	35
Porto Rico, in hhds	28 @	30
" in bbls	@	35
Sugar-House, in hhds	12 @	14
" in bbls	14 @	18
Syrup, in bbls	12 @	15
NAILS—₩ keg, Cut 60d basis	@	2 15
PORK, ₩ bbl—		
City Mess	8 75 @	9 00
Rump	@	8 00
Prime	@	7 50
ROPE, ₩ lb	10 @	11
SALT, ₩ sack—Alum	@	75
Liverpool	@	60
Lisbon	@	65
American	@	60
Ord Sacks	55 @	60
SHINGLES, 5-inch, ₩ M—		
Common	1 60 @	1 80
Cypress	3 00 @	3 50
Sawed	2 50 @	3 00
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Granu'd	@	5½
Standard A	@	5
White Extra C	@	4¾
Golden	@	4½
C	@	4
Yellow	@	3¾
SOAP, ₩ lb—	@	6
STAVES, R. O. barrel	6 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead	@	30 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping	@	8 00
Mill, Prime	@	7 00
Mill, Fair	@	6 00
Common Mill	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary	@	4 00
TALLOW, ₩ lb	@	4
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon	1 20 @	1 30
North Carolina	1 00 @	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market nominal. Later, sales were made at 24½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 23½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market quiet at $1 00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Dull. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 28@37½c; rosin, strained, $1 55; good strained $1 40; tar $0 95; crude turpentine $1 10, 1 40, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	99
Rosin	1,489
Tar	169
Crude Turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year—79 casks spirits turpentine, 1,006 bbls rosin, 116 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON

Market quiet on a basis of 6 9-16c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 8-16 cts ₩ lb
Good Ordinary	5 9-16 " "
Low Middling	6 5-16 " "
Middling	6 9-16 " "
Good Middling	6¾ " "

Same day last year, middling 7¼c.

Receipts—655 bales; same day last year 184.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and laps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.50 to 3.50, seven inch, $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 28—Evening.—Money on call to-day easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 2 per cent, closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers bills 483¾@484 for sixty days and 486½@487 for demand. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Government bonds higher; United States coupon fours 111½; United States twos 95; State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 103¾; North Carolina sixes 123¾. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 28—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7 1-16c.

Cotton futures closed steady at the decline; December 6 67, January 6 68, February 6 76, March 6 85, April 6 93, May 7 01, June 7 08, July 7 10, August 7 13, September and October 6 85, November 6 87. Sales 194,800 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 810 bales; gross 3,893 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 1,790 bales; forwarded 951 bales; sales 1,891 bales; sales to spinners 68 bales; stock 298,248 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 50,509 bales; exports to Great Britain 30,864 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 4,783 bales; stock 1,334,380 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 69,743 bales; exports to Great Britain 13,864 bales; to France 8,280 bales; to the Continent 16,030 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,759,678 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,766,098 bales; exports to France 897,861 bales; exports to the Continent 1,003,695 bales.

Flour—market was dull but steady; winter wheat, low grades $2 20@3 30; fair to fancy $3 35@4 75; do patents $4 90@5 25; Minnesota clear $3 50@4 00; patents $4 25@5 25; low extra $2 20@3 30; Southern flour was dull but steady common to fair extra $3 00@3 55; good to choice $3 55@3 85. Wheat—spot dull and firmer; No. 2 red in store and elevator 90½c; ungraded red 80c@$1 00½; options advanced ½@¾c, declined ½@¾c, rallied ½@¾c and closed firm at ½@¾c over Thursday; No. 2 red December 90¾c; January 90c; March 91¾c; May 88¼c. Corn—spot moderately active and firmer; No. 2, 29½c at elevator and 30¾c afloat; options were dull and firm at ½c advance; December 30¾c, January 29¾c; May 31½c. Oats—spot quiet and steady; options dull but steady and ½@½c lower; January 23½c; May 24½c; spot—No. 2, 23½c; No. 2 white 25¼c; mixed Western 23@24½c. Lard was quiet and firmer; Western steam $4 10; city $4 00; December $4 10, nominal; refined quiet; Continent $4 35; South America $4 65, compound $4 37½@4 50. Pork—market firm and quiet; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter—fancy steady; State dairy 10@18c; do. creamery 14@21c; Western creamer 14@23c. Eggs 23c. Eggs in moderate demand; State and Pennsylvania 21@24; ice house 15@18c; Western fresh 20@23c; do. per case $3 00@4 00; Southern 19@23c; limed 15¼c. Cotton seed oil steady; crude 20c; yellow prime 28@28½. Rice firm and fairly active; domestic, fair to extra 5¾@6c; Japan 4½@4¾c. Molasses firm, with a moderate demand; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice new 25@34c. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand-picked 4c. Coffee quiet and 5 points up; December $9 80; January $9 65; March $9 70, May $9 85, May $9 75@9 80; July $9 75@9 80; spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7 $10 12½. Sugar—raw dull but steady; fair refining $3 13-16c; refined steady; off A 4@4¼c; standard A 4¾c; cut-loaf and crushed 5c; granulated 4¾c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Cash quotations: Flour was quiet and firm at prices; hard wheat spring patents $4 20@4 50 in wood; other grades unchanged.

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If when autumnal shadows streak
The furrowed brow, the wrinkled cheek,
Devotion, deepening to the close,
Like truth that ripens tenderer grows;
If, though the leaves of youth and hope,
Lie thick on life's declining slope,
The fond heart, faithful to the last,
Lingers in love drifts to the past;
If, with the gravely shortening days,
Faith trims the lamp, faith feeds the blaze,
And reverence, robed in wintry white,
Sheds fragrance like a summer night—
Then love can last!

—Alfred Austin.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

"Gossip—it's a confounded nuisance! That's what I call it! Why can't they let us alone? I am accustomed to any amount of gossip. People must have something to talk about, and I'm sure I'm delighted to be able to afford them any amusement, but when it comes to being smacked on the back and congratulated six times in one afternoon it's coming it a bit too strong. I don't mind for my own sake—a man can look after himself—but I'm thinking of you. I was in hopes that you had not heard."

"Not heard indeed! I had two letters this morning and three this afternoon, four wanting to know when the wedding was to be and the fifth from a girl asking to be bridesmaid. I am afraid to go out. People fly at me at every corner, shake my hands off and say how delighted they are, and how charming it is, and how they always knew it would come to this, and that we are made for one another—they never did know two people so exactly suited."

"Extraordinary! That's what they say to me. I never was so taken aback in my life. Of course we've always been good friends, but"—

"Certainly not."

"And I don't think"—

"Neither do I. It's absurd! Utter nonsense!"

"No, but really—let us have it out while we are about it. What can have given rise to such a ridiculous report? We have been a good deal together, of course, because we are in the same set and always seem to hit it off, and you are such a jolly good dancer and all that kind of thing—but I can't see what we have done to set people talking at this rate. Honestly, now—I am anxious to know—did you ever imagine—that is to say, did you think—I mean, have I ever"—

"You never have. No, Captain May, and I have never imagined! On the contrary, I don't mind admitting, now that we are upon the subject, that I have cherished a secret grudge against you because you have never given me an opportunity of refusing you. That sort of neglect rankles in a woman's mind, and now you see for yourself the awkward position in which it has placed me. When people ask if I am engaged to you, I am obliged to confess that I have never been asked. You ought to have thought of this and provided against it. It would have been so easy some night at a ball or in an interval at the theater—the whole thing might have been over in five minutes, and then I should have been able to say that I had refused you, and everything would have been happy and comfortable. I don't feel as if I could ever forgive you!"

"Sorry, indeed! You see I should have been most happy, only I could never feel quite sure that you really would re"—

"How odious you are! You need not have been afraid. There never was anything more certain since the beginning of the world. I wouldn't marry you to save my life. I would as soon think of falling in love with the man in the moon. We have always been friends, of course, but that counts for nothing. One may like a person very much and yet find it quite impossible to go any further. I could better love a worse man."

"Same with me. I think no end of you, but when Lewis came up and congratulated me the other day I was struck all of a heap. If he had said the same thing about a dozen other girls, I should have been less surprised, but it never occurred to me to look upon you in that light."

"Oh, indeed! I'm awfully obliged, I'm sure, but I don't think much of your taste. There are a dozen other men who wouldn't agree with you, that's one comfort. As I am so utterly repulsive in your eyes, I think I had better say 'Good afternoon' at once and relieve you of my presence."

"What nonsense you talk! I never said a word about your appearance that I know of. That's the worst of arguing with a woman—she flies off at a tangent, and there's no doing any good with her. I don't see why you should be offended. You seemed to think it just as impossible to fall in love with me."

"That's different—I mean I don't care what you think, but other people think—that's to say, I have always been told— Some people think I am very nice, if you don't. I think it's perfectly hateful of you to say such things. I should like to know, just as a matter of curiosity, what it is in me you object to so much?"

"You won't like it, you know, when you do hear. You'll be in a bigger rage than ever. Much better leave it alone. Well, if you will have it, I dislike the way you do your hair. Wait a moment; it means more than you think. It is not only ugly in itself, but it shows a fatal want of perception. Your beauty—if you will allow me to say so—is of a classic order, and if you adopted a more natural style of coiffure your appearance would really be—or—uncommonly fetching! 'Stead of that, you persist in following a hideous exaggeration of fashion, which destroys your individuality and is utterly unsuited to your style. It seems a small thing in itself, but it has farreaching consequences. The moment we meet I notice it, don't you know, and feel annoyed. The whole time I am with you I am worrying about it. It sets up a chronic state of exasperation. Perhaps you don't understand the feeling"—

"Oh, yes, I do! Perfectly! I feel the same toward you because you will insist on wearing enormous stand up collars. I call that a want of perception, if you like. I wouldn't be personal for the world, but I have seen men with longer necks. When you want to speak to your neighbor, you have to twist your whole body. It makes me die with laughing to see you."

"Delighted to afford you so much amusement. Sorry I make myself so ridiculous! You are excessively polite, I'm sure."

"You were a great deal worse yourself. You said that I"—

"Nothing of the kind. You misunderstood me. I simply remarked"—

"Don't contradict! You said I was an ugly thing, and that it exasperated you only to see me. You did! It makes it worse to deny it. I can't think how you can look me in the face!"

"Why get excited? It's really not worth while, and you will make yourself so hot. It's not becoming to be hot. I was about to say when you so rudely interrupted me that you had misunderstood the meaning of my remarks. I simply observed"—

"I don't care a little bit what you observed. I am not going to talk to you any longer. I am going across the room to mamma. Good afternoon, Captain May. You needn't dance with me at Lady Bolton's this evening, as my hair annoys you so much."

"I shall ask Miss Cunliffe instead. She is a capital waltzer. Your mother is waiting for you at the door. Fourth and sixth, wasn't it, and the first extra! I must ask her at once, as she is so much engaged. Good afternoon, then, Miss Blanchard, if you will go, and, as the good little boys say, 'Thank you so much for a pleasant afternoon.'"

ON THE WAY HOME—HER SOLILOQUY.

"He never thought of such a thing. It never occurred to him to think of me in that light. Hateful creature! And why not, I should like to know? Doesn't he think I'm nice? * * * I never cared for him, but he has no business not to like me. What horrid taste! * * * And to talk of a dozen other girls! That means Lucie Charvie, I suppose, and Adeline Rowe. I have noticed that he dances with them. * * * I don't see why he should like them better than me. I'm the prettiest, and I can be awfully nice if I like. I have never been really nice to him—not my very nicest—or he wouldn't have talked as he did today. * * * I might try the effect this evening. I meant to be offended, but perhaps the other would have more effect. I believe I'll try it. No one can ever say that I am a flirt, but there are occasions when it is a girl's duty to teach a man a lesson, and he had no business to say that about my hair. * * * I wonder if he was right? He has awfully good taste, as a rule. I believe, after all, it would be rather becoming. * * * I'll get Elise to try tonight, and wear my new white dress, and the pearls, and I'll say to him the very first thing that I'm sorry and ask him to dance with me, all the same. Then, when he sees how nice I am, he will be vexed with himself for being so hasty. It will do him no end of good. I'd give worlds if he would only propose to me before the season is over. I'd refuse him, of course, but that wouldn't matter. It would be kind of me to take the trouble, because it is dreadful to see a man so conceited, and if it were not for that he would be quite charming. * * * I'll begin this evening. How exciting! Poor Captain May!"

HIS SOLILOQUY.

"She looked disgracefully pretty. Nothing like putting a girl in a good, stand up rage to see what she's made of. I never knew she had so much in her before. And she would just as soon think of falling in love with the man in the moon, would she? That's pretty tall. Hang it all! Why do they put things in a fellow's head? I was happy enough before, and now this has unsettled me altogether. * * * A man may not want to marry a girl, but that's no reason why she should be so precious indifferent. I always fancied that she had a decided weakness. * * * So she wants to laugh at me, does she? Little wretch! She is always up to some mischief. I wouldn't object if it was at some other fellow, for those dimples are uncommonly fetching. I believe she is right about the collars, all the same—thought so myself more than once. If another shape would suit me better, it seems rather absurd to stick to these. 'Man in the moon,' eh? Humph! Well, it doesn't do to be too awfully sure—it's a bad thing to get into the way of boasting. How would it be if I took her in hand and tried to work a cure? Do her all the good in the world to be brought down a peg or two and find her own level, and the process would not be unpleasant. Hi, cabby! Stop at the first decent hosier's you come to. I want to get out."

Extract from The Times of four months later:

"On the 26th inst., at St. George's, Hanover square, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Oxbridge, assisted by the Rev. Noel Blanchard, the brother of the bride, Cyril Aubrey May, captain Royal Horse guards, second son of James Eaton May, Esq., of Brompton manor, Hants, to Phyllis Mary Olivia, only daughter of Major Blanchard of Barcombe, Co. Wicklow, and Floraire, Alpes-Maritimes."—Sketch.

Telephone Manners.

Do not say: "Hello! Who's this?" The man at the other end of the line does not know who you are. It is better form on receiving a response to a telephone call to say: "This is Mr. —— talking. Who is that, please?"

Again do not be the first party to such telephonic communications as:

"Hello! Is that —— Co.?"

"Yes."

"Is Mr. —— in?"

"No."

Then the receiver is hung up with a bang.

It sounds much better to add "Thank you," after having received the information you require.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No Gems Worn In France.

Gems seem to be worn less and less every year. With day toilets they are scarcely seen at all, and the fact was authoritatively illustrated the other day at the marriage of the daughter of Count d'Hanscouville, which brought together all that is related to royalty in France. Scarcely a jewel was to be seen in this elegant assemblage. The bride wore not a single gem.

Some Clever Old Maids.

In literature the list of the unmarried is a long one. Among the noted names are Nora Perry, Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, sister of the president; Ouida, Jean Ingelow, Rosa Nouchette Cary, Anna Dickinson, Florence Nightingale, who has gained fame as a writer since she retired as a nurse; Grace Denio Litchfield, Edith Thomas and Susan Coolidge.

Byron and Miss Pigot.

Elizabeth Bridget Pigot was a friend and correspondent of Lord Byron, who "lived at Southwell," with which place her mother's family was connected nearly all her life. In 1804, when 16 years old, Byron and his mother arrived there and occupied a house, Burgage Manor, opposite her mother's on Burgage Green. The Pigots received Byron within their circle as one of themselves. The first of Byron's letters which Moore prints was written to Miss Pigot. Byron, whom she describes as "a fat, bashful boy," was "perfectly at home" with her, and of an evening would listen to her playing and sing with her. In 1805 Byron left Southwell for Cambridge, but paid Miss Pigot occasional visits until 1807, and regularly corresponded with her till 1811. When he was at Southwell, she acted as his amanuensis. Byron addressed her in his letters at first as 'My Dear Bridget,' and afterward at 'Dear Queen Bess.' She nicknamed him her 'Tony Lumpkin.' To her Byron addressed the poem beginning 'Elisa, what fools are the Musulman sect!'

"About 1807 Miss Pigot was engaged to be married, but on the same day she happened to write two letters, one to her lover and the other to Lord Byron. By some mischance she inclosed them in the wrong covers, and the lover, receiving the letter intended for Byron, broke off the engagement. During the rest of her long life Miss Pigot amused herself and her friends with narrating the minute incidents of her intimacy with the poet, and presented to his admirers many scraps of his writing. * * * Miss Pigot died at her home in Easthorpe, at Southwell, Dec. 11, 1866, and was buried, aged 83, on the 15th. A packet of Byron's letters was said to have been buried with her."—Critic.

Preferred Coal Oil.

One day not long ago a tall countryman, with his boots frescoed with "valler" mud and his pants legs stuffed into their tops, walked into a Market street dental office and inquired if that was the place where they "yanked" out teeth.

The dentist informed him that it was, and he, taking a seat in the operator's chair, told the dentist that he had one he wanted "yanked" out.

The dentist gave the tooth several preliminary probes with a sharp instrument, which appeared to give the countryman great pain, and then told the countryman that as this tooth was very sensitive it would be necessary for him to take gas to deaden the pain which would be caused by the operation.

The countryman grew indignant at this, and very quickly informed the dentist that he would take coal oil if necessary, but he'd be "gol darn ef he would go gas," as he'd "heard 'bout people bein 'fixiated by takin it." The dentist pulled the tooth without the aid of either gas or coal oil.—Louisville Commercial.

A Negro With Two Hearts.

During the past eight or ten years the medical colleges of the Atlantic coast have often had a remarkable being before their classes. The person in question is a negro, who calls himself "Rev." or "Professor" William King, and his peculiarity lies in the fact that he has two perfect hearts. He has wonderful power over these blood pumping organs, being able to stop their beating altogether or to run the number of pulsations up to twice the normal.—St. Louis Republic.

Advertising For a Lost Umbrella.

A Cardiff clergyman hit upon a novel plan of recovering his lost umbrella. He inserted the following note in the parish magazine: "Over a million umbrellas are manufactured in this country every year. We are not concerned as to what becomes of this enormous number, but we should like to know where one of them is." The lost gingham turned up next day.—Cardiff Mail.

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NOTICE.

Foreclosure Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE SUperior Court of New Hanover county, in the cause therein pending wherein Thomas J. Gore is plaintiff and R. W. Hewlett and wife Fannie F. Hewlett are defendants, made at the September term, 1896 the undersigned Commissioner therein appointed will expose for sale, at the Court House door, on Friday, the 8 h day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder, at pub ic auction, for cash, a l that lot of land in the City of Wilmington, N. C., bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point in the north side line of Dock street 110 feet west of the northwestern intersection of Eighth and Dock streets and running thence westwardly along the north side of Dock street 44 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Eighth street 120 feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Dock street 44 feet, and thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 120 feet to Dock street, the beginning; the same be ng part of lots 4 and 5 in Block 126, in the City of Wilmington, and the same conveyed by mortgage to the plaintiff by the defendants which is recorded in full in Book No. 76 of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, N. C. This the 8th day of December, 1896.

JOHN G MARSHALL,
Commissioner.

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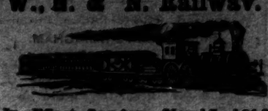

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896

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NORTH BOUND		STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND	
*3	†5		†4	26
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
8 00		Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
8 10		Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	3 25
8 50		Lv...Jacksonville...Lv	11 45	12 45
11 00	3 30	Lv.....Ar	10 45	10 30
11 05	4 30	Lv...Maysville...Lv	10 40	9 15
12 50	6 04	Lv...Pollocksville...Lv	9 55	8 00
1 10	6 15	Ar...Newbern...Lv	9 30	8 40
	P M		A M	

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H. A. WHITING,
General Manager.
J. W. MARTENIS,
Traffic Manager. my 22 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DEC. 13, 1896.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 12.50 p m, Warsaw 12.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 11.40 p m, Rocky Mount 11.20 p m, Tarboro 9.50 p m, Weldon 8.20 p m, Petersburg 8.32 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.58 p m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.58 a m, †Boston 3.30 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.05 p m, Weldon 7.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.32 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.45 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.05 p m, Boston 5.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.20 P M — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.40 p m, Sumter 8.27 p m, Columbia 9.50 p m, Denmark 8.20 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.35 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.40 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.00 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 3.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 6.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.40 p m, Wilson 2.12 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.09 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 m, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.00 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.55 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 3.25 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rock Mount 5.40 a m, leave Wilson 6.15 a m, Goldsboro 7.00 a m, Warsaw 7.51 a m, Magnolia 8.08 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.40 a m, Sanford 1.45 p m, Jacksonville 7.10 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 8.30 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 3.25 p m, Denmark 4.57 p m, Sumter 7.19 a m,, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.25 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.58 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11 00a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 5.00 p m and 2 00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.50 a m and 6 30 p m, returning leaves Parmele 9 50 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 25 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.50 p m, Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.50 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8 3 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 03 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.50 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5 25 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 9 15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 5.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 48 a m, Rowland 10 05 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5.30 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.50 p m, leave Conway 2 35 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 8.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 6 53 a m, 9 40 a m and 6 00 p m, arrive Darlington 9 02 a m, 10 20 a m and 8 20 p m, leave Darlington 9 21 a m and 10 40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10 40 a m and 12 00 p m, leave Cheraw 12 45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 3.56 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 5 p m, arrive Cheraw 6 45 p m, leave Cheraw 6 45 p m and 8 25 p m, arrive Darlington 7.30 p m and 9 25 p m. Leave Darlington 7 45 p m, 6 07 and 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6 55 p m and 8 15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7 30 a m, Darlington 9 40 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9 30 a m, arrive Floyds 9 40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 8 10 a m, Summerville 6 41 p m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9 35 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 5 45 p m, Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Summerville 9 30 p m, Gibson 10 50 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 37 p m, Manning 6.56 p m, arrive Lane's 7 37 p m, leave Lanes 8.08 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7 10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 3.05 p m, 12.10 p m, arrive Selma 5.50 p m, Smithfield 6.58 p m, Dunn 8.28 p m, Fayetteville 9.15 p m. 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.50 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Pireteville 11.50 a m, 10.50 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.46 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.45 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 20 a m, Creston 5 21 a m, arrives Denmark 7 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 37 p m, Creston 5 59 p m, Sumter 6 50 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9 10 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Sopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.30 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.30 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Elliott 8 35 a m and 3.00 p m.

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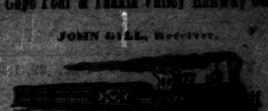

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 15, 1896.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY
No. 1.		No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lv	7 10 a. m.
4 35 "	Ls...Fayetteville...Ar	11 42 " 2 32
4 10 "	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 31 "
6 12 "	Ar...Fayetteville junc Lv	11 07 "
2 53 "	Lv.....Seaford.....Lv	1 03 p. m
12 41 "	Lv.....Clinton.....Ar	2 50 "
12 10 "	Lv.....Greenboro.....

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING DEC. 29, 1896

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

Net Receipts at the Ports—New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all the ports since September 1, 1896: Galveston, 1,016,301 bales; New Orleans, 1,433,995; Mobile, 300,961; Savannah, 604,107; Charleston, 307,794; Wilmington, 207,208; Norfolk, 642,158; Baltimore, 31,904; New York, 79,479; Boston, 94,199; Newport News, 8,011; Philadelphia, 23,926; West Point, 50; Brunswick, 52,096; Port Royal, 39,099; Pensacola, 39,178; Texas City, 39,189; Total, 4,696,926 bales.

The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here declined 1-16c., with sales of 853 bales for export, 68 for spinning and 600 delivered on contract. Middling uplands 7 5-16c, against 8¼c. last year; New Orleans and Gulf 7 5-16c., against 8¼c. last year.

Disappointed at the failure of the promised decreased movement to the ports and interior towns to materialize, tired longs sold out to-day, causing the break in prices. Liverpool started the decline by sending depressing cables, and in the absence of support prices receded and closed at about the lowest figures of the day. Liverpool did very little here to-day. New Orleans both bought and sold but the trading was in the main of a local character. The receipts while still large were somewhat smaller than in the previous week and the total for the week at the ports is now estimated at 235,000 bales. The worst feature of the situation, however, is the absence of outside support. There was some new buying at the decline to day but not sufficient to produce a rally. The quantity to come in sight this week is estimated at 275,000 bales, against 357,000 last week.

MORE BANKS CLOSED

At Superior, Wisconsin, and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MINNEAPOLIS, December 28.—The Scandinavia Bank of this city closed its doors this afternoon. The last obtainable statement of the condition of the bank was made October 6th last. It showed loans and discounts amounting to $189 283 and deposits aggregating $235,327. Its business has been almost wholly with Scandinavians.

SUPERIOR, WIS., December 28.—Anticipating a run to-day, the Bank of Superior did not open for business this morning. Henry S. Butler is assignee and has assumed charge of the bank's affairs. The failure is due to poor business and heavy withdrawals since recent failures in St. Paul, Chicago and this city. The capital of the bank was $35 000, with surplus of $6 000. The deposits were nearly $100,000 including $13 210 of city funds. This makes nearly $30 000 of public funds tied up in a week. Officials of the bank say they will pay in in full.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Closed Higher—Corn and Oats Lower—Pork Products Advanced.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—May wheat opened from 83⅜@83¾c. declined to 81¾c., closing 83⅜—½c higher than Thursday. Cash wheat was steady without particular change in price.

May corn opened at 25½c. sold between 25½ and 25¼@25½c., holding at 25⅝c—a made under Thursday. Cash corn was easy to ½c lower.

May oats closed ⅛c. lower. Cash oats were easy and ⅛@¼c lower.

Provisions—The hog market made an advance of 5c this morning and product reflected the improvement promptly. There was very little trading and nothing of interest developed. May pork closed a shade higher, May lard and ribs each 2½c higher.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Dec. 25:

	1896	1895
Net receipts at all United States ports during the week...	807,907	990,616
Total receipts to this date.....	4,696,926	3,973 046
Exports for the week	291,124	119,786
Total exports to this date.....	3,148,418	3,007,542
Stock in all United States ports.....	1,319,530	1,034,684
Stock at all interior towns.....	589,100	579,150
Stock in Liverpool...	919,000	1,059,000
American afloat for Great Britain.....	860,000	180,000

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 75.

Spirits turpentine quiet at 26¾@27½c.

CHARLESTON, December 28.—Spirits turpentine firm at 34½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F $1 40, G, $1 45, H $1 50, I, $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $3 20, W W $3 50.

SAVANNAH, December 28.—Spirits turpentine firm and closed at 24½c bid; sales of receipts at quotations after the closing of the market; receipts (three days) 1,188 casks. Rosin firm; no sales; receipts (three days) 11,538 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F $1 45, G $1 45, H $1 65, I $1 75, K $1 85, M $1 90, N $2 00, W G $2 25, W W $2 75.

Capt. C. J. Barclay has been ordered to command the United States cruiser Raleigh, relieving Capt. Morrill Miller, who is granted three months leave.

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A RAILROAD MASSACRE.

PASSENGER TRAIN FALLS FROM A BRIDGE NEAR BIRMINGHAM.

The Bridge Was One Hundred Feet High and One Thousand Feet Long—Of Thirty-Five People on Board the Train Only Two Escaped—Heart-Rending Scenes at the Site of the Wreck.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 27.—A bad wreck occurred between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning on the Birmingham Mineral Road. The road is a loop that goes all over this part of the country, taking in the mines and furnaces. The wreck occurred at the Cahaba bridge, about 50 miles from Birmingham, between Guernsee and Blocton. The bridge is about 1 000 feet long and 100 feet high. The train jumped the track from some unknown cause and plunged off the trestle to the rocks below.

As to the number of passengers on board the reports conflict, but as near as can be ascertained, twenty-three were killed, and only one man, the fireman, escaped alive. Later reports place the number of passengers aboard the ill-fated train at from thirty to thirty-five, and only two escaped. It is said that seven of them were taken out alive, but in a dying condition. The wreck caught fire and many unfortunate victims were burned to death.

The cars were smashed to splinters on the rocks fully 100 feet below the track from which the train had been hurled. The groans of the injured and lamentations of those who crowded around were pitiable in the extreme. Physicians from Birmingham and vicinity gave every aid in alleviating the suffering of those who escaped with life.

BIRMINGHAM, December 28.—Few farther details are obtainable as to the terrible railroad wreck at the Cahaba river bridge yesterday. The railroad officials have a list of twenty-one dead; that number of bodies has been taken out of the river, but the belief gains ground that there are more dead bodies yet in the river, or else some were entirely consumed by fire. The railroad officials, however, say the place has been thoroughly searched. It seems impossible to ascertain how many passengers were on the train. Nearly all held round-trip holiday tickets and had been away from home to spend Christmas. Many were on their way back to the various mining towns when the disaster occurred. Only one ticket was sold out of Birmingham for the ill-fated train. Conductor Connell, who knew better than any one else the number aboard, was killed and burned up in the wreck. It develops this morning that a man named Libbs and his wife got on the train at Gaineys, six miles this side of the wreck. They are missing, and it is probable that they were burned in the wreck. This runs the list of known dead to 23. Others to the number of six, who were supposed to be missing, have been accounted for. The corrected list of dead and missing now stands as follows: Railroad employes—Frank White, engineer; James Bowling, Express messenger; Geo. Carney, flagman; A. P. Connell, conductor; Tom Streeter, porter; R. Webb, bridge watchman. Passengers—Bruce Phillips, Blockton; L. W. Martin, Brookwood; Mrs. Henry Hanbury and two children, Birmingham; Rev. R. H. Blount, Birmingham; Miss Ada Powers, Bocton. D. J. Powers, Blocton; Mrs. Emma Powers and two children, Blocton; Mrs. R. Little, Blocton; James Garner, mother and sister, Blocton; Mr. Libbs and wife, of Gaineys.

The injured are—Henry Hanbury will probably die, Andrew Bryson will die, E. Reckels, Will Gardner, Miss Booth, Sam Stuart, fireman; a child of Mrs. Powell, and Mrs. Walker, all slightly hurt.

The injured are from mining towns in this district. The only persons on the train to escape unhurt were three little children of Mrs. Walker's. It is thought that fully half of the dead were cremated alive.

A further examination of the bridge shows that the spikes on one side had been drawn for a rail length, which indicated that a rail was moved out of place to deliberately wreck the train. The story that three men robbed the dead and dying, as told by one of the survivors, has not yet been confirmed. But the railroad officials, who are now sure it was the work of train wreckers, and an army of detectives are working on the case.

W. D. Ross, a bridge carpenter hurt in a collision between two relief trains at the scene of the disaster, died to day. Another bridge carpenter named Estes had both his legs cut off in the second wreck, and will die. Of the wounded in the bridge disaster two will likely die before night.

TARIFF REVISION.

Schedule A Under Discussion by the House Ways and Means Committee—A Number of Leading Manufacturers Present.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—The first of the twelve public hearing to be given on the revision of the tariff was begun in the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives this morning. Chairman Dingley presided and there was a pretty full attendance, though as Mr. Dingley has requested that the communications should be in writing as far as possible, it is anticipated that the so-called "hearings" will be in large part "readings." Nevertheless, there were a number of leading chemical manufacturers present, the first day being devoted to schedule A, chemicals, oils and paints, and schedule H, spirits, wines and other beverages.

The first schedule only was under discussion this morning. Among those present were Alexander H. Jones of the firm of Powers & Wakeman, M. G. Rosengarten, John Lucas and Thomas S. Harrison, all of Philadelphia; James Hartford, chairman of the drug section of the New York Board of Trade; J. Seaver Page, of New York, and Edward D. Arnold, of Providence, R. I.; Nicholas Lenning and William Bower, of Philadelphia, and other manufacturers from Chicago, Cincinnati and other large cities. Their general views favored the restoration of specific duties. Under the ad valorem system of the Wilson bill, they said honest men could not compete with dishonest men, as it was impossible to prevent under valuation. The chemists brought with them a prepared schedule at specific rates, which they submitted to the committee.

A delegation representing the Cotton Yarn Spinning Association of New England reached the city last night. Among them were A. B. Sanford and R. C. Kerr, of Fall River, Mass., and W. D. Howland, of New Bedford. They are to be given a hearing to-morrow when "schedule I, cotton manufactures," comes up. There has been no hostility to the cotton schedule that to any other feature of the Wilson bill. In fact it was declared by a Republican Senator in course of debate as a "work of genius," having been prepared after consultation with experts in cotton manufactures. It is possible a desire may be expressed to leave schedule substantially unchanged, but no definite opinion has yet been expressed to that effect by the gentlemen who are here.

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LIBELLED FOR FORFEITURE.

Case Against the Three Friends on Trial in the United States Court at Jacksonville, Florida—Based Upon a Trip the Vessel Made Last May.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, December 28.—The case of the United States against the steamer Three Friends a libel for forfeiture of the vessel to the Government for alleged violation of section 5383 Revised Statutes of the United States, was argued in the United States Court to-day. The libel is based upon the trip of the vessel from this port last May when she was escorted to the three league limits by the revenue cutter Boutwell.

The section the Three Friends is charged with violating prohibits the fitting out in the United States of a vessel to go into the service of a foreign prince or State, or of any colony, district or people, to cruise or to make war upon another foreign prince, State, colony or people.

The owners of the Three Friends contend in their exceptions to the libel that section 5383 does not apply to the Cuban rebellion because the United States has not recognized either the independence or belligerency of the Cubans, and the courts cannot take cognizance of the war until either the President or Congress recognize the existence of war, and therefore it was impossible for the Three Friends to have been engaged in the service of one political power against another political power with which the United States was at peace, the Cuban insurgents not constituting a political power recognized by the United States, and therefore they are not a "foreign prince, State, colony, district or people," as designated in the statute.

The United States district attorney relies upon the fact that there have been heretofore several confiscations of vessels for the violation of this section where no war had been acknowledged to exist, but the defence contends that their point, now depended on, had never been raised in any case of prosecution for violation of section 5383. They admit that the U. S. Supreme Court in the Welberg and Horsa cases recently held, that section 5286, part of the same act, can be violated without the necessity of acknowledgment of belligerency, but maintain that the Supreme Court in the same case held that section 5383 applied only to the case of two recognized political powers engaged in acknowledged warfare. The case was submitted and taken under advisement by the Court.

If the defendants win this case, they hold that it will be of very great importance to the Cubans, as the President will then have to recognize the belligerency of the Cubans, or at least stop prosecutions for confiscation of vessels under this section.

TAMPA, FLA., December 28.—Acting Secretary of the Treasury Scott Wike, of Washington, passed through the city for Key West to-night. He would not talk.

HAVANA ADVICES.

Belief Among Cubans That Maceo is Alive and Planning a Coup D'etat in Matanzas Province.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—An officer of the steamer Vigilancia, which arrived from Havana this morning, said that while the vessel lay at Havana he learned from several Cubans in that city that the belief prevailed there among the adherents to the Cuban cause that Maceo was not murdered and was never slain at all, and is now planning a *coup d'etat* in Matanzas. They base their belief on a story told by a passenger on a train which skirts the boundary of the province of Matanzas, who declared that he saw General Maceo passing near by at the head of his troops as the train moved slowly along.

The officers of the steamship had seen nothing of the filibuster Three Friends and were surprised and greatly interested when informed of the recent thrilling episode in which the little craft is alleged to have taken part while trying to land arms and men on the Cuban coast recently.

VENEZUELAN DISPUTE.

The Incident Regarded as Closed as Far as the United States is Concerned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The international incident of the Venezuelan boundary dispute is regarded as closed as far as the United States is concerned, and all further negotiations for its adjudication lie wholly with the the two parties to the controversy, Venezuela and Great Britain. This explanation comes from the State Department, where it is further stated that with the acceptance of the Venezuelan Executive three weeks ago of the heads of the proposed treaty of arbitration as signed by Sir Julian Pauncefote, and Mr. Olney, on November 12th, the friendly intervention of the United States had been completed and the only additional acts of the United States in the matter will be the publication of the evidence and reports collected by the Venezuelan high commission and the eventual reference to the United States Supreme Court of the concurrent request of the two countries for the appointment of two jurists as members of the tribunal as provided by the treaty.

A COLD WAVE.

Mercury Below Zero at Many Places in the New England States.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The thermometer fell to twenty degrees below zero this morning at many points in the Hudson river valley and Northern and Central New York, and ten below was common in the southern tier of counties. From four to sixteen below is reported throughout Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

CONCORD, N. H., December 28.—A cold wave swept over this State last night, the thermometer registering the lowest point of the Winter. It was 12 below here this morning. The mercury also went below zero in the following places: Lebanon, 8; North Boscawan, 6; South Danbury, 8; Hooksett, 9 Grafton, 10 Claremont Junction 10; Woodsville, 10; Hillsboro Bridge, 12; Canaan, 12; Contoocook, 14; Bradford, 14. Elmwood, 13; Peterboro, 16; Antrim, 16; West Hopkinton, 16; Newport, 20.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT FIGHT.

Kid McKoy Won the Battle with Billy Doherty for the Championship.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 28.—A dispatch from Johannesburg, South African Republic, says that the fight between the American middle-weight boxer "Kid" McKoy and Billy Doherty, of Australia, for the middle-weight championship and £1,000 a side, the gate money to be divided, took place on Saturday and was won by McKoy in nine rounds. The men were to fight twenty rounds. Until the fourth round Doherty was the favorite.

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For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

HON. WM. J. BRYAN.

Speech at a Banquet in Lincoln, Nebraska—Promises of the Republican Party That Fell or Fulfillment.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 28.—The large dining room of the Lincoln Hotel was tastefully decorated to-night when the 175 invited guests of the Lincoln Travelling Men's Bryan Club sat down to the banquet which was given in honor of William J. Bryan. In addition to the address delivered by Mr. Bryan, Gov. Holcomb, Senator W. V. Allen and other prominent men of the State spoke.

In responding to a toast, Mr. Bryan said: "The travelling men are in a position to measure the promises made by the Republican party with the fulfillment of those promises. The public was told that Republican success would restore confidence and that confidence was the only thing lacking. In Dun's Review of November 7th we find these words:

"A great revolution has been effected this week in the conditions which control business. There is more evidence already that a crushing weight has been lifted and rolled away, and the business world has begun to adjust itself to a state of freedom and security which it has not known for years. Dread of immeasurable disaster no longer locks up resources and paralyzes industry, and new contracts involving many millions have become binding since the election."

The following week the same Review says:

"No one who knows doubts that the brighter day is dawning, and it is the common remark that never before has business shown so great a change for the better within a single week."

On the following week the Review starts out with the statement:

"The gain in the volume of business continues entirely without precedent. By the fourth week disappointment began to manifest itself, and I find, according to Dun's report, that five of the eight reports since the election show an increase of weekly failures over the corresponding weeks of last year. For the eight weeks since the election the reports show seventy-five business failures more than for the corresponding weeks of 1895. I call attention to these figures because they show either that confidence has not yet been restored, or that confidence, if restored, has not restored prosperity. The Republicans have promised to restore normal conditions without increasing the volume of the currency. What they may do hereafter remains to be seen, but it is evident that they have thus far failed to bring relief to the people."

BICYCLE RACE.

Six Days' International Contest Begun at Washington, D. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—At 9 o'clock this afternoon the six days' international bicycle race began in Convention Hall, this city. At the crack of the pistol the following racers started: C. W. Ashinger, America; Albert Schock, America; Frank Waller, Germany; C. Chappie, England. Fred. Forester, Germany; Albert Hunter, France; H. H. Maddox, America; Frank Albert, America; Dudley Marks, England; John Lawson, Sweden. Ned Reading and James Johnson, Americans, have withdrawn. Hale, the Irish champion of Madison Square Garden, did not appear.

The close of the first day in the contest found all the entries well bunched and in good condition. The score at the close, 10 p. m., stood: Ashinger 146, Scheck 139, Waller 147, Chappie 141, Forster 142 Hunter 144, Maddox 147, Albert 130, Bail 142, Lawson 144. Eddie Bald broke the best record for half a mile, his own, by one fifth of a second, the time being one minute and six seconds. Linton made five miles in twelve minutes and three seconds, breaking the best former record of 12 40.

REAR-END COLLISION

On the Western & Atlantic Railroad—Great Damage to Cars and Serious Injuries to Trainmen.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, December 28.—A rear-end collision on the Western & Atlantic Railroad a mile and a half south of Dalton, Ga., to-day caused great loss of railway property and several serious injuries were sustained by trainmen. Freight train No. 18 was running in two sections a short distance apart when an air pipe on one of the cars of the first section broke and the rear section plunged into it. Thos. Jones, of Atlanta, Ga., engineer on the second engine, was fatally injured, his skull being crushed between the cars. The fireman, a German named Schmidt, and John Colyar, brakesman, also of second section, suffered broken bones. Traffic was suspended on the road as well as on the Georgia division of the Southern, which parallels the W. & A. at this point, for seven hours while the wreck was being cleared away.

MILLIONAIRE RECLUSE.

Died at the Age of 107, Leaving Two Millions and no Kindred.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O., December 28.—A special from Lancaster, Pa., says that Arthur Lingard died there to-day, aged 107, leaving a fortune of $3,000,000 and no kin. He has lived the life of a recluse for years, but deeply interested in science, philosophy and theology. Though a farmer, he had made many excellent investments in securities, among them the following bonds and stocks: United States bonds, $300,000; Rome & Watertown R. R. stock, $700,000; New York, New Haven & Hartford, $140 000. Baltimore Belgian Pavement, $210 000; the Manchester, Ohio, Lumber Company, $300 000; the Athens, Ohio, Paper Company, $150 000, and the Waterman B. & L. Association of Lancaster $77 000. Of this amount he gives $1,300 000 to Joachim Loomhaven, who has been his companion and associate in enterprises for many years. The residue goes to friends in various parts of the country.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

The Sultan Notified that the Demand for Reforms Will Be Enforced.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 28.—M. Nelidoff, Russian Ambassador to Turkey, acting as spokesman for the concert of European nations, has notified the Sultan that the agreement of the Powers upon the question of the enforcement of reforms in Turkey is perfect and that they demand that there shall be no delay on the part of the Porte in giving assent to the proposals for such reforms submitted by the representatives of the Powers. The ambassadors will hold a conference to-morrow, the purpose of which is understood to be the discussion of the question of resorting to coercive measures to compel the Sultan to put the proposed reforms into operation, should such action become necessary to their enforcement. The matter of the time of putting the measures into operation will also be discussed.

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LANDSLIDE IN IRELAND.

Causing the Loss of Nine Lives and Great Damage to Property.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

DUBLIN, December 28.—A landslide has occurred near Rathmore, county Kerry, doing great damage to property and causing the loss of at least nine lives. Heavy rains have fallen in that part of Ireland lately, with the result that some places that are generally dry now resemble vast morasses. Near Rathmore there is an eminence about a thousand feet high known as Aboy Hill and it was here that the landslide occurred. The rains gradually loosened a huge mass of earth and on Sunday night, apparently without the slightest warning, a large part of the surface of the hill began to slide towards the valley Gaining momentum as it moved, it swept downward with a roaring sound, carrying rocks, trees and everything before it for miles. In some places the path of the landslide was a mile wide, and as it moved along it buried everything, entirely changing the aspect of the section over which it passed. The residence of Mr. Donnelly, steward of Lord Kenmore, one of whose seats Killarney house is, at Kilroney, was engulfed in the mass of earth and debris, and all of its occupants, Mr. Donnelly, his wife and seven children were killed. It is supposed that the house was swept from its foundations by the crushing mass, overturned and buried to a great depth. As its present locality is not known, it is hardly probable that the bodies will ever be recovered.

All the farm animals on the place were also buried and there is now a scene of utter desolation where on Sunday stood the neat dwelling and outbuildings of Mr. Donnelly.

The movement of the landslide was to the southwest in the direction of the river Fleak, into which a large portion of the earth slipped, blocking it up. The current of the river was employed in running dynamos, which furnished electric lights for the Kerry Lunatic Asylum and some buildings in Killarney. The blocking of the river rendered the dynamos useless.

The part of the hill where the slide began was a bog and much of the earth that moved was very soft. Huge quantities plunged into the river and there is danger of the back-water flooding the country around.

There have been no reports of anybody being missing and on this is based the belief that there was no loss of life outside the Donelly family.

The bog is still moving up but no further damage can result unless it be the more effective damming of the river.

IN THE EVENT OF WAR.

The Attitude of the Powers Towards Spain and the United States.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 28.—The Rome correspondent of the *Chronicle* telegraphed that the Spanish Government recently questioned Great Brittain, France and Italy regarding their attitude in the event of war between Spain and the United States. Great Britain, the correspondent adds, declined to give a definite reply, saying that everything depended on the course of events and the subsequent relations of the contending nations. It also offered to assist in bringing about an amicable arrangement of the trouble, without promising to support Spain. The attitude of the Vatican is absolutely favorable to Spain. King Alfonso has written to the Pope asking for his prayers that the Spaniards shall be victorious.

The *Chronicle* says it learns that the Paris dispatch published by the *Times* Saturday, regarding the attitude of the Powers toward the United States, was untrue.

JULIO SANGUILLY

Sentenced by the Spanish to Imprisonment For Life.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—The tribunal before which Julio Sanguilly, the naturalized American citizen charged with conspiracy against the Spanish Government, was tried and found guilty last week, the proceedings ending on Saturday, held a public sitting at 1 p. m., to-day when the sentence imposed by the court upon the prisoner was read. The sentence of the court is that Sanguilly be imprisoned for life and not for "eight years and a day" as was published in some newspapers in the United States yesterday. Counsel for the defence announced that he would appeal from the judgment of the tribunal to the Supreme Court at Madrid, upon the ground that the indictment against Sanguilly was defective in form and that the court proceedings were irregular and therefore an infringement of the law.

MURDER AND OUTRAGE.

An Old Man Assassinated and His Daughter Assaulted.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec. 28—A special to the *Telegraph* from Uaadilla, Ga., says that an old man named Sumner, living near that place was assassinated last night by an unknown man. Late at night the old man was awakened by the glare of flames from his barn, which had been set on fire. Upon leaving the house he was fired upon. After shooting Sumner several times the assassin broke into the house and attempted to assault his only daughter. The daughter fought desperately and succeeded in wrenching his revolver away. The murderer then fled. A posse is in hot pursuit.

TREASURER WORTH'S REPORT

The Sinking Fund—Estimates for State Expenses—The Normal School for Girls—Decrease in Valuation of Taxable Property.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 28.—State Treasurer Worth, in his biennial report, states the amount to the credit of the sinking fund at $108 740. He estimates the State expenses during the following two years at $581,850 annually, far below past cost. He recommends only one increased appropriation for the State Normal School for Girls from $17,500 to $20,000. The banks of the State are in a sound and prosperous condition. The valuation of taxable property has fallen off five and a half millions.

C. F. & Y. V. RAILROAD.

Judge Simonton Will Issue Decree for Sale of the Road in Its Entirety.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WINSTON, N.C., December 23.—Judge Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court, has notified Mr. J. W. Fries, receiver of the North State Improvement Company, and his attorneys, Watson & Buxton, of this city, to appear before him in Wilmington on January 14th next, when he will issue a decree regarding the sale of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad. It is understood that the Judge's order will be for the sale of the road as a whole and not by sections as some of the interested parties asked for.

Leander Hosch, paying teller of the suspended Bank of Minnesota, has disappeared. He was last seen a few hours after the bank's suspension last Tuesday. There is a discrepancy in his accounts of over $1,000.

WARM WIRELETS.

Mr. B. J. Bear, of Richmond, Va., has made an assignment. The liabilities are about $15 000.

The large livery stable of J. R. Darwin at Dayton, Tenn., was destroyed by fire. The loss will aggregate $30,000, on which there was no insurance.

Judge Owens of the Circuit Court of Kentucky has ordered the grand jury to lay aside all other business until they had indicted the lynchers of Alfred Holt, colored.

Fire in Washington, D. C., last night destroyed a large furniture store on New York avenue. Several other houses were damaged. The loss is estimated at $100 000.

The issue of standard silver dollars from the U. S. mints and Treasurer's offices for the week ended December 26 was $769,734, and for the corresponding period last year was $296,836.

The Lehigh mills, in South Easton, Pa., manufacturers of cotton goods, have shut down for four months, and there is said to be but little prospect of a resumption at the end of that period.

Louis Grabower, leading merchant of Marquette, Mich., has failed; his stores being closed under foreclosure of chattel mortgages aggregating $33,000. No statement of assets or liabilities has been made.

The health statistics of Bombay show that there have been 3,094 cases and 1,419 deaths from the bubonic plague, which is epidemic in that city. People are still fleeing from the place, but the plague increases.

Mr. John W. Sherman, who for nearly a score of years has been connected with newspapers of Lynchburg, Va., and other cities of the State, disappeared about ten days ago, and his whereabouts is a profound mystery.

The wholesale whiskey house of the Scissel and Wolff Company, Macon, Ga., has been closed under mortgages to the amount of $90,000. The senior member of the firm charges Jake Wolff, the secretary and treasurer, with being a defaulter.

The Rice Growers' Association met yesterday at Savannah, and authorized the President, Col. J. H. M. Clinch, to appoint a committee to go to Washington to appear before the Ways and Means Committee of the House to ask for a tariff on rice.

The Excelsior Machine and Boiler Works Company of Chicago has failed. The assets of the corporation are $40,000 and the liabilities are said to be about the same. The only cause assigned for the failure is hard times and business depression.

The McCoy Banking Company, of Independence, Mo., has gone into voluntary liquidation. The capital stock of the bank is $50,000. On August 10th, when the last report was made, it owed its depositors $85,180. Its outstanding loans amounted to $79,263.

At the suggestion of General Horace Porter, president of the Grant Monument Association, the Board of Estimate has appropriated the sum of $50 000 to pay the expenses attending the dedication of the Grant monument on April 27 next. The total cost of the monument will be $6 0,000.

A sensation has been caused in New Orleans by the discovery that Col. Henry Monier, late tax collector, is short in his accounts in the sum of $7,900. His bondsmen will settle with the State and will prosecute Col. Monier criminally. Col. Monier has been regarded as of unimpeachable character and has been prominent as a reformer.

ADVOCATES SURFACE BURIAL.

Sir F. Seymour Haden Says a Slight Earth Covering Soonest Absorbs Bodies.

Sir F. Seymour Haden of London has practically studied for ten years the best methods of disposing of the dead. The result of his investigations he terms "Nature's method of disposing of the dead, by far the most practical and certainly the natural method."

He has buried animals, large and small, in his lawn. By digging them up and examining them at intervals varying from one to five years he found that, buried at a depth of 4½ feet—the depth required by the government for the burial of human bodies—an interval of from three to four years was necessary for complete dissolution. Buried at the depth of one foot, a year and a half he found was sufficient for the complete dissolution of a large and a year or less for the smaller animals. A body simply laid upon the ground, with a covering of earth a foot thick completely disappeared (bones excepted) in a year.

Dr. A. B. Poore, after experiment, states that if a body is buried so as to further its complete dissolution the land would be ready, after a short interval, to receive a second body, and that if the cemetery were systematically planted with flowers the earth would be purified and the air freshened by the flourishing vegetation.

An acre of ground would prove ample burial ground in perpetuity for a population of 10,000 persons.—New York World.

They Race Balloons In Paris.

The newest sport in Paris is the balloon game, which is played in this fashion:

A number of toy balloons are entered for the competition, and in each of them is placed an envelope, containing a postal card, which is addressed to the judge of the contest. The little balloons are then set free, and after more or less time come to earth again in different parts of the country.

Those who find them see the envelopes and notice thereon a request that the time when each balloon was found, and also the place, be written on the postal card, which is then to be dropped in the postoffice.

At the end of a week the various postal cards are compared, and the prize is awarded to that balloon which traveled the greatest distance in the shortest time.—Paris Letter.

Glass Coffins.

Local undertakers are interested in the proposition of an Indiana company to manufacture glass coffins on a large scale. George F. Kimball, the plate glass manufacturer, states that the idea is entirely practicable, and that coffins can be made from glass much more cheaply than from wood. Mr. Kimball thought that such coffins could be constructed in the cheaper grades for not more than 50 cents a running foot. Coffins made from glass would be much more durable than metallic caskets, and their extreme cheapness would cause their adoption extensively in cases where death is due to contagious diseases, in which the law requires a hermetically sealed casket. A new method of manufacturing glass whereby it is made to resemble wood will enable the manufacturer to lend infinite variety to his product.—Chicago Chronicle.

A Lesson In Punctuation.

Professor in English (to young man)—How would you punctuate the following: "The beautiful girl, for such was she, was passing down the street?"

Student—I think, professor, I would make a dash after the beautiful girl.—Strand Magazine.

Why Truth Rises.

"Why," asked the youngest of the neophytes, "why should truth always rise again when crushed to earth?"

"Because of its elasticity, of course," answered the corn fed philosopher. "Don't you know how easy it is to stretch the truth?"—Indianapolis Journal.

Science Too Slow.

Discovery of Cat Language Not Likely to Be of Much Use.

"We live and learn," said the ordinary man. "I always thought that a cat could either mew or purr or spit or leave it alone. It now seems that I've done an injustice to the beast's vocabulary. Professor Marvin Clark, I'm told, has been studying the language of cats, and has discovered 500 'primitive words.'"

"Of which the mere boy said, '500 are either blasphemous or improper.'"

"The professor doesn't say so, and I don't see how you found it out."

"I see this professor says that cat language bears a resemblance to Chinese. It's rather rough to insult a fallen and vanquished nation that way."

"Well, if there's anything in it," the ordinary man remarked, "it would account for the Chino-Japanese war in a novel and perfectly satisfactory way. But really, when one comes to think of it, it is much easier to believe that cats talk than that monkeys talk. Cats and owls both make sounds exactly like the sound of a human voice. Given a churchyard, a dark night and a white cat, and you have all the materials of a ghost story."

"It's a pity," the journalist said, "that discoveries of this kind cannot be turned to some practical use. Why don't they discover the language of the horse? It would make driving much easier if you could tell the geo exactly what you wanted and explain to it verbally the perfectly innocuous character of any object at which it might be likely to shy."

"Ah!" said the eminent person. "Before that discovery arrives we shall have the autocars and no horses at all."—Black and White.

Call Them Wheelways.

There is need of a good word for designating a road from place to place exclusively for bicycles. Bicycle path is the term commonly used. There are several reasons why this is not a suitable term.

In the first place, the word path probably is derived from the Greek verb patein (to walk), and means a footway. Secondly, the expression is too long; it has four syllables. Thirdly, it is clumsy; it has two accents. Fourthly, it is not euphonic.

Instead of bicycle path The Companion respectfully suggests wheelway. This word is analogous in its formation to driveway. The word has not been used in any other sense except by one or two writers incorrectly to designate those parts of a wagon road in which the wheels run. Way means the entire road, and not some part of it. Wheelway is better than wheel road for the same reason that driveway is better than drive road. It suggests recreation before utility.—Youth's Companion.

A Sordid View of It.

"There's a great difference between Pfisher's two boys. He gave each of them $10,000. Silas has invested his money in real estate. Julius is spending his in fine clothes."

"Don't you worry about Julius. He's spending his money in buying out flowers for the rich Miss Boodelle. It'll pay him a bigger interest some day than ever Silas will get."

P. S.—It did.—Chicago Tribune.

The Sweet Things.

First Sweet Thing—Is it true that you love Dick Dashleigh? Tell me, dear, in confidence.

Second Sweet Thing—Well, then, in confidence, dear, I do love him devotedly.

First Sweet Thing (aside)—That settles it. I'll accept the proposal he made me last night.—London Tit-Bits.

Proof Positive.

"How do you know, daughter, that young Tyson does not drink?"

"Because, papa, his breath always smells of fresh cloves."—Detroit Free Press.

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